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What?
1986 Merrillvue



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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 2000). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population.

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WHAT'S WHAT?



What Was What in 1986? Everything!

Everyone saw it.

Felt it.

Experienced it.

But, what did you think?

Change.

"I knew this year would be different because it was my senior year," commented Jean Tasicas, senior, "but a lot of things happened that I didn't plan on."

For some students, MHS was a totally new experience.

"In junior high, everyday was routine and boring. There's a lot more going on here," stated Kim Thurman, sophomore.

James Ison, sophomore, formerly a student at Kouts High School, didn't know what to expect when he transferred here.

"It turned out that my stereo-type was all wrong. Even though this school is bigger than my former school, I've made some good friends."

Change at MHS didn't involve the students. The staff as well as the students were affected by the appointment of Daniel C. Rapacz as principal.

"Dr. Rapacz seemed to want to get to know all the students," said Laura Parkhurst, junior. "He has helped me a lot."

"He was very interested in sharing ideas and distributing information," added Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher.

Dr. Rapacz himself, also had to make some adjustments. "I had to get a handle on what MHS was when I came here, and then I tried to build upon the good points."

Anxious to finish his last year at MHS, Allen Bartley, senior, wasn't the only one who had some questions. Bartley, as well as his fellow students, could only guess what 1986 was to bring.

CHANGES



So, what else was what?

Rules.

MHS students spent the entire first semester waiting for the State Legislature's decision on new rules such as class lengths, convocations and "Senior Week."

"If the seniors were let out early, they wouldn't be rushed to get ready for commencement. We should be able to enjoy our last days at MHS," said Donna Zaikos, senior.

Should next year's students have seven classes instead of six? This was one of the hottest topics of the year.

Sheir Sullivan, junior commented, "If we had a seven period day, we'd be able to take more elective classes. Most students enjoy the elective courses more than the regular classes anyway."

In addition, what was what in sports?

For the first time in two years, MHS participated in a Football O'Rama.

"The Football O'Rama was a good idea because the fans, the teams and the coaches all got to see their competition for the upcoming season," stated Steve Mundell and Chris Green, sophomores.

In weather unfit for even the biggest of football fans, the Pirates and the Valpo Vikings toughed it out on a swamp-like field for the Regional Championship.

"Those were the worst conditions I've ever played in," commented Brian Portlock, senior. "The weather was one of the biggest factors in the game."



Exchanging a few comments before class starts, Kristi Wright, senior and Matt Gilfillan, junior, discuss the changes of the new school year.

Ready to give a helping hand, Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher, oversees the work of Chris Taskoff, junior. Teachers as well as students had to adjust to a new routine this year because of changes made within the school.



SCHOOL SPIRIT

What else?

Spirit.

After a lull in school spirit last year, MHS students came back in '86 with a new sense of pride.

"Last year everyone was in a down mood," commented Valerie Huston, junior. "The spirit was a lot stronger this year."

The showdown at the Brickie Bowl was the perfect opportunity for Pirate fans to show off their renewed spirit. Students clad in "This Year It's OUR Turn" t-shirts and sweatshirts with slogans of their own design, traveled by the carloads to back the Pirates in what would have been the upset of the year.

"The spirit at MHS was tremendous this year. The students came together to back all the teams," added Denny Bunda, senior. "Win or lose, our spirit stayed with us."

So, What's What?

No matter how you answered, the year was unlike any other before it.

It made sense though, because we were different, and by the end of the year, (yes, we made it), we adjusted to all the changes and came out on top.

By the time all 1,504 of us finished the year, we knew what it was all about.



Making the most of their lunch hour, Brian Tomb and Paul DeStefano, seniors, meet with their friends in the cafeteria. Problems with the length of lunch lines early on in the year were solved by compromises between the cafeteria staff and the students.



Proving that those years of dance lessons have not gone to waste, Bob McGuckin, senior, shows his moves at the turnabout dance. This year, more girls than ever before took the chance and asked the guy they had had their eye on for months to this annual event.

Anticipating the Pirates' victory over the Brickie football team, Karen Pearson, Jean Tascas and Kris Zimnawoda, seniors, cannot contain their spirit even while waiting on the ticket line. Despite the disappointing loss to their rivals, the Pirate team went on to win the Duneland Conference football sectional.

WHAT'S WHAT?

STUDENT LIFE: From August to June and all that time in between.

For almost ten months, school was the answer to our problem and sometimes the problem itself.

Sophomores saw the school year as something different and exciting. Juniors? Well, for most juniors, it was the last stretch on the road to "Seniordom."

And the seniors? Seniors had two trains of thought: 1) I have to get out of here before I die and 2) I have to get out of here before I die.

But we all knew we'd be here for some 200 odd days, so we made the best of it.

And let's be honest here, life at MHS did have a lot of good points.

Yeah, there were tests, assignments and term papers (for a while did you think of Lake County Reference Library as your second home?) But there were also dances, games and whatever you chose to do on your weekends.

Weekends — two days that passed like two minutes.

"My friends and I usually go to Chicago on the weekends," commented Deno Tants, senior. Though Chicago had its temptations others chose to stay closer to home.

"Weekends are for football and basketball games," said Chrissy Villaire, senior.

Weekends — they made Monday thru Friday bearable.

"I live for weekends," stated Mary Kalogeras, junior.

Who to see, where to go, what to do to turn an all right day into an unforgettable one.

What was what after that final bell rang?

Fulfilling his dreams of being a high fashion model, a MHS student brings some fun into an otherwise boring class. Students broke the monotony of the day in ways once believed impossible.





What's up?

Another first day of school



Buzz . . . Your alarm goes off at 5:30 a.m., and it's the first day of school after summer break. It's time to forget the late night curfews, late movies every night, parties on the weekdays, and sleeping until noon.

Most students like coming back to school after their vacations. Steve Civanich, senior, stated, "I looked forward to knowing that I only had one more year left at MHS."

Even though summer was a time to see all of your friends, some didn't get that chance. Michelle Mitchell, senior, commented, "I enjoyed coming back to be with all of my friends that I hadn't seen all summer."

On the other hand, many students weren't ready to come back to school. Mary Ann Mathis, senior, stated, "Getting up early and not being able to go out every night was the hardest thing to get used to."

Other students also feared

coming to the high school. The most common fear among sophomores was their uncertainty. Kris Konrady, sophomore, commented, "It was hard not knowing where any of my classes were and not knowing my way around."

Mike McGibbney, sophomore, stated, "I feared getting my report card."

Another reason of fear were the new teachers. Karin Cook, junior, stated, "New teachers scare me because I don't know what their personalities are. I'm also afraid of their specific rules and standards."

Whether the students were cheering or fearing, the year had started.

Tracy Schneider

Meeting new friends is one of the most exciting activities at the beginning of the school year. Wendy Minninger and Teresa Hunt, juniors, find a new friendship.

Oh no, REPORT CARDS

It comes around every year, dreaded report card day.

It was the day many MHS students prepared for parent lectures and scoldings.

Report card day reminded some students of Mondays and fire drills during the dead of winter.

Lon Schreiber, junior, said, "I would prefer to receive my report card at the beginning of the day instead of the end, because it would give me time to think of some good excuses before I face my folks."

The first report card of the year was given to the parents. That way, unfortunately, it ruled out

most excuses students intended to give their parents.

Melissa Berrier, senior, said, "I don't like my parents receiving my report card for me. If we're responsible enough to hold jobs, why not the first nine weeks report card?"

Finally there were people who were looking forward to report card day.

Tim Stryczek, junior, said, "I don't mind receiving my report card because I usually get good grades."

In the end, most students agreed that report card day was a day they would try to forget.

Adrienne Viramontes

When I'm a senior I will . . .

"Hopefully graduate," **Michelle Mestrovich**, sophomore.

"Carry on the tradition of picking on the underclassmen," **Shirley Smith**, sophomore.

"Study hard to get into the college of my choice," **Denise Vasquez**, sophomore.

"Try to get accepted to Michigan or Purdue," **Jeff Kolodzinski**, sophomore.

"Leave home and marry Prince," **Diana Paige**, sophomore.

"Party day and night," **Carolyn Zygmunt**, sophomore.

"Help to get our basketball team farther than regionals," **Tami Peters**, sophomore.

"Take all easy classes," **Roy Parpart**, sophomore.

"Graduate and run for president," **Don Gligic**, sophomore.

"Graduate and move to some place warm," **Garry Cagle**, sophomore.

"Take classes that will help my ambition to own a lemonade stand," **Amy Petrites**, sophomore.

"Move to California," **Susan Galoozis**, sophomore.

"Graduate and become a teacher, so I can be as mean as some of the teachers that I have," **Chuck Scates**, sophomore.

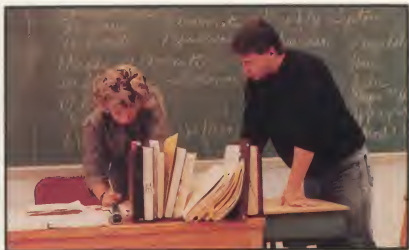
"Try to further my wrestling career, so I can become the next Hulk Hogan," **Brandon Collins**, sophomore.

"Visit my friends who have graduated at college every weekend," **Lisa Marovich**, sophomore.

"Have my best year ever because it will be my last," **Chris Gustafson**, sophomore.

"Have my last good time in high school over spring break in Florida, then I'll be ready to start my college life," **Ted Pigott**, sophomore.

"Be 25 years old," **Steve Haller**, sophomore.



Perfection, yet to be found

Some teachers seem to feel that there are no perfect students.

Dr. Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, said, "There is no such thing as the perfect student. There is a student in each class that is better than the rest, but again, nobody is perfect."

On the other hand, some teachers feel the perfect student does exist.

"The perfect student should be friendly, mannerly, pleasant to look at, clean, well versed and enjoy the subject," said Diane Mandon, social studies teacher.

Many MHS students feel that there are "perfect students".

A lot of people would say the perfect student earns all A's, but that's not necessarily true. The perfect student tries his or her hardest to achieve their goals. That might mean getting a C, but they tried their best and that's what counts," replied Sue Bills, junior.

The question of the perfect student appears to remain unanswered due to the variety of opinions by students and teachers.

Kathleen Jennings

Perfection doesn't come easy, especially in school. Mary Ann Galanis, government teacher, explains a problem to senior, Tom Midgett.



The Hobart/Merrillville game was so exciting. It was the best game and the best show of school spirit ever at MHS."

— Pam Young, Junior

Rialed up for the Hobart game, seniors Michelle Sikula and Margie Gianikos, and junior Pam Young, hold up a battered Hobart football jersey. The Pirates lost a close game 7-14.

D

espite the rain, students brighten Homecoming

Although the sun didn't shine and the rain faded in and out, MHS students brightened up Monday, Sunglasses Day, to begin spirit week.

Tuesday followed with Crazy Hat Day. Then came Wednesday, Hawaiian Day.

Regan Plesha, junior, stated, "Spirit week was overlooked by a lot of teachers. They didn't even count us, but that didn't stop us from getting into the spirit of the week."

The festivities on Thursday did not end until the last flame of the bonfire dwindled out.

It all began with Occupation Day as the students represented future doctors, lawyers and construction workers. The sun stayed out on Thursday for a successful parade.

The parade began at 4 p.m. from the Pierce Junior High School parking lot and proceeded down a crowded Broadway to MHS.

Chuck Tipton, senior, stated, "I think the parade went over better this year. It was a nice day

to begin with. Also, because our football team was winning their tough games, the parade drew a crowd. A winning football team attracts a crowd to anything associated to them, especially Homecoming."

"Being on the fire truck in the parade for the first time, I felt so much older than a sophomore. I didn't feel like a stranger to MHS anymore. I felt like I belonged," stated Ann Mestousis, sophomore.

For about two weeks before the Powder Puff game, most MHS girls became dedicated football players.

All were determined to win the championship game. After the parade, the crowd gathered to watch this popular event.

"I always wondered what it would be like to be out on the field playing football as I watched the varsity boys play. So each year I played Powder Puff, I imagined myself as a football player even though Mr. Herbert warned us that we were not football players," commented Lisa Funder, senior.

The first game began and the Junior Class won an easy victory over the sophomores, 40-0. The

juniors went on the defeat the seniors 6-0 in a hard fought game.

Lisa Gogola, junior, commented, "Going into the game against the seniors, I thought we didn't have a chance. We all got psyched up and went out to try to beat them. I could hardly believe it when the clock ran down, and we were the winners."

The bonfire followed the exciting Powder Puff game. Many MHS Students went to the bonfire to talk over the week's happenings.

Unfortunately, some viewed Homecoming as monotonous and boring due to the lack of creativity in the spirit days. This also accounted for the lack of participation.

Mary Kate Hill, senior, stated, "I don't think Homecoming was a loss at all. I think it was just overlooked because of the Hobart loss the week before."

"Even though the participation level was low, Homecoming was a success because of the positive student participation and not because of the negative participation," stated, Pat Mulloy, Student Council sponsor.

Karen Dudak



Leading the fans into cheers, the sophomore Powder Puff cheerleaders take a break during the first quarter of play. Their enthusiasm lasted the whole game although the sophomores were defeated.

Running with the ball, Carrie Ralf, sophomore, tries to gain some yardage against the tough junior defense. She was tackled after only gaining a couple of yards.





Displaying his spirit for spirit week, Tim O'Shea, senior, flashes a big smile before class. The Sophomore Class won the competition for spirit week.

Trying to frighten the crowded street, the Quest Club members display their Homecoming float. Judges then later picked the Senior Class float as "Best Float."

Concentration overwhelms the Senior Class Powder Puff team as their coach gives them half time instructions. The seniors lost to the juniors, 6-0.

Loyal Pirate fans remain for festivities

Even though the rain was constant, the dedicated fans stayed to watch the mighty Pirates defeat the LaPorte Slicers, 5-0.

Another reason the fans stayed to suffer in the rain were the halftime activities. Chris

there was one difference, his ball stayed dry, mine got drenched."

This also was the time for the crowing of the Homecoming Queen. The court consisted of Sam Dalkilic, Karen Dudak, Lisa Funder, and Sheri Sohacki, seniors. The 1984 Homecoming Queen, Stacy Plesha, pranced out in the rain, along with the court, to crown the new 1985 Homecoming Queen, Sam Dalkilic.

Dalkilic, commented, "It was an honor and I enjoyed it."

Dudak added, "At first, the rain upset me, but once we got out there we had fun and laughed about it because we'll remember this time for the rest of our lives."

Luckily, the rain held off for the

following night. Couples swarmed to the dance to, "Let the Good Times Roll." The dance was sponsored by the Student Council on Oct. 19. L & L Mobile Sound System provided the music for the 235 couples that attended.

The couples were provided with a memento which was a record with their name on it, refreshments, music, pictures, and if they wanted, a lot of socializing.

Pat Mulloy, Student Council sponsor, commented, "This was the best turnout we've had in a long time. The decorating committee had a fun time making up the cafeteria, and all around, everyone had a great time."

Tracy Schneider

Cochran, senior, was elected "Mr. Football 1985" by the team.

Cochran commented, "I was very happy to receive the award. It was especially nice because my brother Doug won this award his senior year also. However,



Fighting to recover the ball, the Pirates defensive line pushes through to gain possession of the ball. Merrillville ended up defeating the LaPorte Slicers, 5-0.



Waiting patiently at the Homecoming dance for a slow song, Mike Naspinski and Debbie Galka, sophomores, take time out for a picture. The dance was sponsored by the Student Council on Oct. 19.



Enjoying the bonfire, students gathered together after the powder puff game. Students attended in order to talk about the games and show their enthusiasm.

Burning up the flags and wood, the bonfire flares up. The fire was lit after the powder puff game.

"Ask him! I know he'll say no!"

"I can't. How can I ask a guy to a dance?"

This conversation was heard in the halls of MHS weeks before the "Turnabout" dance. This dance, titled "Cherish", was on December 7.

For some girls, asking a guy to the dance was easy.

"I've been going with Chris Able, junior, for over a year, so it

wasn't hard to ask him," said Linda Gogola, junior.

Still, others had no idea how to ask a guy out.

"I had my friend ask him first, so I would know what my answer would be!" said Amy Petrites, sophomore.

Some MHS girls did not have a steady boyfriend to ask and did

not want to have a friend ask first.

"Eric Ban, junior, and I just went as friends, so it was not hard to ask him. We had a real nice time," commented Donna Micic, junior.

On this occasion, not only did the girls have to ask the guys, but she was also expected to pay for the tickets and the dinner.

Jackie Mohamed, senior, replied "I paid for the tickets and pictures. My date paid for dinner. I think that is how it should be."

"The ticket sales were low at first, but by Friday we had the turnout we needed," Carol Tetter, FCA sponsor, said.

Most MHS girls agreed, it is better when the guy takes care of everything. Although, some girls enjoyed this change of pace.

This year's "Turnabout" is over. But remember girls, there's always next year!

Sherry Guernsey



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everse roles occur at turnabout dance

As a momento of the turnabout, Patricia Zolondz gives Terry Farmer, sophomores, one of the special balloons that decorated the cafeteria.





Definitely "Crazy for You,"TM Jason Mikulka, senior, and date Diana Page enjoy a fast dance away from the crowd.

Taking a break from the crowded dance floor are Gina Flarity, Chris Williams, juniors, and dates. They were a few of the many students who brought dates from other schools.



Posing for candid pictures at home are Dawn Musgrove and Steve Mundell, sophomores. Several photos were taken before the dance by parents.

Romance is in the air. Cathy Arneston, sophomore, and Dan Gerlach, senior, had a great time during "Cherish", the theme for the turnabout.

Audience Witnesses Murder In 'Ramshackle Inn' Plot

"Where else could a girl make \$5,000 in one day?" asked Belinda Pryde, played by Melissa Stefanovich, junior, in the fall

of this play was the role I was cast in. It was different not to play an old man," said Wilkison.

Dave Maddack, junior said his memories of his first play would include "all the friends I've made."

play, "Ramschackie Inn."

The answer to this question could only be found if one attended this play on Nov. 15 and 16.

Bill Wilkinson, junior, had the lead as Patton and has been in over 20 plays. "My favorite part

Jennifer Giacomini, and Lori Cook, juniors, attended the play. "I thought it was a really good production, the whole cast did a great job!" commented Giacomini.

Russ Cain, junior, said, "I just

went to see my cousin act, but I thought it was professionally done."

Not all the talent was on the stage. Also, credit was given to the cast and crew who stayed after school to make the set and adjust the lighting.

R.D. Parpart, senior, commented, "I've worked on all the plays for the past three years. In 'Ramshackle Inn' I worked the lights. Each year I still enjoy doing it!"

Julie Metcalf



Checking for a pulse in Dave Maddack, junior. He played an accused murderer, who was later proved innocent.

Being held captive by Bill Wilkison, junior, is Melissa Stefanovich, junior. This scene shows the final conflict in "Ramshackle Inn."



As the town's sheriff, Dave Yonker, junior, questions the suspect.
The fall play had a "Murder She Wrote" type storyline.



photos/Zawada



Melissa Stefanovich, junior, assures a guest at her inn that all is well. The guest is played by Lisa Sponel, sophomore.

Doing a play can be fun, despite the long practices. The cast of "Ramshackle Inn" proves this at an after-school practice.

Attempting to force his donkey to move is Chris Paine, junior. Frustration soon set in as the animal refused to move.

Laying the ball up to the rim, Becky Stewart, sophomore, hopes to make a basket. Sore muscles accompanied with bruises developed overnight from the hard playing players.



Riding comfortably, Tom Cameron, assistant athletic director, steers his donkey toward the ball. Sweet-talking the animal to move sometimes proved successful.





What do you get when friends get together with a basketball, a hoop and a couple of donkeys?

Donkey Basketball, of course.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the MHS Athletic Department sponsored its fourth annual Donkey Basketball game.

Each class had its own team to play ball against the faculty team. Sign ups for the game were taken the week before in the Athletic Office.

"When more than 11 students signed up for a certain class, we put all of their names into a hat and drew out 11 to make up the team for that class," stated Janis Qualizza, athletic director.

Now that the teams were chosen, it was time to play ball. Before any action took place, the rules were spelled out.

1. The players had to be on their donkeys to shoot a legitimate basket.
2. The players had to take their animals wherever they went.
3. When passing the ball, one player had to be on his donkey.
4. To block a shot, the player who was to block the shot had to be on his donkey.

Sounds simple, if you had a co-operative animal.

Allison McCollum, sophomore, commented, "Playing was much harder than what I imagined it would be. I guess it was because I had to pull my donkey everywhere I went. The ones I had just wouldn't move, especially when I went after the ball."

"It was a challenge trying to stay on the donkey while it was trying to buck you off. I think that's why I had so much fun playing because I had to try so

hard to stay on my animal," stated Scott Rosenbalm, senior.

In the first ten minute quarter of play, the faculty went against the sophomores and in the second quarter, the faculty played the juniors.

Marty Primich, sophomore, stated, "The best part of the whole night was watching Mr. Cameron struggle to get on his donkey. After a while, he pulled his animal over to the side and jumped on the bleachers and then onto the animal."

After the first half was over, the faculty team then played the senior team.

The final quarter of play started off with the seniors against the juniors, but then, the faculty jumped in for the juniors to play the seniors again. Because a running tabulation of points was kept, no team actually won the game.

After the final buzzer rang and everyone went home, the real test began. Bumps and bruises developed overnight along with very sore muscles.

"After football practice, I thought I was as sore as can be up until the Donkey Basketball game. The next day I was sore in an array of different places. I thought that could never feel sore," stated Mike Gavelek, junior.

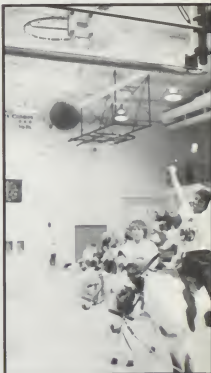
Although Donkey Basketball presented a challenge to the players, its excitement reached out even to the viewers also.

Ernie Bodrozic, senior, stated, "I enjoyed watching the game

Donkeys 8, players 0:
wait 'till next year!

because the players look so funny out there on the court trying to either get their donkeys to move or trying to get on and even falling off."

Karen Dudak



Celebrating over her first basket, was Maryanne Villanueva, senior. Teammate Stacy Lawrence, senior, looks on.

Throwing over the outstretched arm of Steve Teller business teacher, Colleen Collins, sophomore, tries to get the ball to another teammate. The faculty matched talents against the sophomores in the first quarter.



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ears mania: Faculty lose to champs

rushed for two touchdowns and played the role of spark plug to fire up the offense. He also sported some monogrammed headbands during the game.

The big play man on offense was "Speedy Willie" Gault. He caught four passes for 129 yards.

All pro running back Walter Payton, the NFL's leading rusher, was held to 61 yards on 22 carries.

On the other side of the line, Richard Dent stole the show. Dent captured the MVP honors with his handling of the Patriots offensive line.

"We had a lot of MVP's out there. Otis (Wilson) played a helluva game. He could of won it (MVP) if Dent hadn't," said defensive coach, Buddy Ryan.

As the Bears kept rolling on, Bears Mania at MHS reached astounding levels.

"I like the Bears because of their awesome defense," said Tim Bianco, senior.

Steve Haller, sophomore, stated, "I think the Bears offense with Jim McMahon is devastat-

ing."

Bears shirts, hats and jackets were found around the halls of MHS.

Heather Charlesworth, junior, commented, "The Bears craze hit everyone. The halls were filled with bears shirts."

The Bears personalities became increasingly popular. They often appeared on television and radio.

Nick Papageorge, junior, said, "I think Jim McMahon is cool because he can scramble and he is not afraid to take a hit."

Tina Carrigan, senior, stated, "I like Otis Wilson because he has a great body."

Bears Mania at MHS intensified when Englehart Gymnasium was filled to capacity level with screaming fans who came to see



Taking in some rays as he practices the day before the Super Bowl, Jim McMahon, quarterback, rushed for two touchdowns to aid the Bears victory in Super Bowl XX.

Putting the moves on back-up quarterback Mike Tomczak, Sherm Izsak, trainer, dribbles the ball underneath the basket. The Bears beat the faculty 78-76.



the Bears play the faculty. Aside from the Bears late arrival, the evening was a remarkable success.

Tracy Wikse, sophomore, commented, "I had a fun time watching the Bears play basketball."

Among the players who showed up were Pat Dunsmore, Mark Bortz, Dave Duerson and Mike Tomczak. The Bears won the game 78-76.

Sheri Sohacki, said, "I think Tomczak was the cutest player on the floor."

Eric Ban



Refrigerator Scores!

William "The Refrigerator" Perry jumps to his feet after diving over the Green Bay Packers defensive line for a one yard touchdown.

Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka is carried on the shoulder of Steve McMichael and William Perry while being escorted by Willie Gault (83) and Maury Buford (8). The Bears celebrated after they won Super Bowl XX, 46-10.



W hat's up?

What is a typical date like; where do you go?

"I enjoy going to the beach because it's romantic and the sunsets are breathtaking," said **Stacy Stubblefield**, junior.

"Going to a romantic movie and cuddling," said **Sherri Shiplock**, junior.

"A trip to the drive-in, because I like to watch the movie," said **Tate Richardson**, sophomore.

"Going out the dinner and seeing a good movie," said **Sue Bills**, junior.

"Going out with another couple to a concert or play, then go out to dinner," said **Eleanor Lewis**, art teacher.

"Going to see a movie after

having a candlelight dinner," said **Diane Mishevsko**, junior.

"A night in Chicago because it's more fun than anything around here," said **Wendy Minninger**, junior.

"Going to the beach, staying out real late and going for a long walk," said **Larissa Rudczenko**, sophomore.

"Candlelight dinner at an expensive restaurant then to a romantic movie, and we would then finish off the date at her place," said **Nick Zairis**, junior.

"He'd pick me up in his car and we'd go to the dunes and have a picnic lunch. We would spend the whole day there, and then we

would walk along the shore, watching the sunset," said **Sheri Machanek**, sophomore.

"A real expensive restaurant with dim lights and a dozen roses in the middle of the two of us," said **Angie Grigoraki**, junior.

"The movies because you can have fun and then go to Chicago for a carriage ride," said **Kathi Crowder**, senior.

"Going to a good party would be a good start. Then go out to Denny's for a good meal, and then end up at the best romantic spot you can find," said **Brad Jones**, junior.

"I think a good date is going out to eat at a nice restaurant,

going to a show and then coming home to talk by the light of a fireplace," said **Lisa Stedman**, junior.

"The best date is the beach on a warm clear night and going walking and shopping around Chicago on a Saturday night," said **Julie Zaradich**, junior.

"Going to Burger King, a good cheap restaurant, because you get to know the girl better," said **Kelly Jedynak**, sophomore.

"To go to the Greek Islands for a nice Greek dinner then a long walk on a quiet beach," said **Martha Christos**, junior.

"I realized graduation was near when my calendar countdown got near 100. That was close enough for me to realize that I would soon be leaving MHS.

— Darlene Maryonovich, senior

Preparing for graduation, Darlene East, secretary, measures Darlene for her cap. Graduation will be a combined Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremony for the first time.



Borden

Shopping problems dominate 'Christmas spirit'

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." That phrase, for millions, brought joy and happiness; however, for many MHS students, it installed overwhelming anxiety.

"As the holidays drew nearer, I

started to worry about everything," said Heidi Yonker, senior.

At this time of year, everyone seemed to fall into one of two categories: the type who finished shopping a month early, or the type who started shopping

Christmas Eve. More likely than not, if one tended to start shopping late, troubles did not stop there.

"I usually start my shopping late, and then begin to ask myself every question in the book from

"What size should I get?", to "What color?" and "What did they get me last year?," said Cathy Samardzija, sophomore.

While counting days on the calendar and bills in their wallets, students slowly checked names off their shopping lists.

"I still had a few gifts to get, but quickly ran short on time and money," stated Bill Wilkinson, junior.

As the hours ticked away and as the tension mounted, some students took advantage of all the excitement to have some fun. They thought it was great going to the mall under these conditions if all you wanted to do was have some fun.

"I just loved going on those exciting, late Christmas shopping sprees with my friends," said Kathy Dulla, junior.

However, for those trying to get shopping done, it was a real problem accomplishing anything.

Carl Jimenez

Visiting the Merrillville elementary schools as part of an assignment for Quest Class, Lisa Neis, senior helps Fiemer students make Santa Clauses. The Quest Classes visited the elementary schools during the holidays to entertain the students.



Barendse

Stay tuned for further school closings in your area . . . "

This sounded familiar to MHS students when weather seemed bad enough to close school, but in '86 there were no "snow days."

"Snow days", as these were called, usually existed because of drifting snow.

*Snow, snow, we want snow
(if not, a snow day will do!)*

"When we had snow days off, I tried to catch up on the soap operas!" said Susan Galoozis, sophomore.

But, these days weren't the only chance students had to play in the snow.

"I tried to go skiing at the Pines every weekend I could," commented Dave Wilk, junior.

"I waited for the first snow, so I could take my snowmobile out," said Scott Griggs, sophomore.

Jeri Scrivnor, junior, said she liked to sled down the hills at Salk school, but she warned "watch out for trees!"

Ice skating is another popular winter pastime.

Dan Brankle, sophomore,

shovels the lake in his neighborhood for team "ice hockey".

Bill Brice, junior, pointed out that winter sports are fun, but "you can never stay out for too long because of the freezing temperatures!"

The next snowfall, whether it comes school or not, MHS students have plenty to do!

Julie Metcalf

MHS 'rockin eve' not televised

5 . . . 4 . . . 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 Happy New Year!

Bring out the party hats, the whistles, the confetti and we can't forget the punch. Although New York and Hollywood had their New Year's Eve celebration nationally televised, MHS decided against having any cameras present.

Instead, MHS students kept a low profile. Everyone knew where the parties were and where they weren't. They also knew where the roadblocks were located.

Jeff Warren, senior, said, "I don't really remember what I did; I guess that means I had a good time."

However, some MHS students did remember how good of a time they had. John Sutka, senior, said, "I celebrated New Years so well that it would be impossible to forget it."

Finally, some MHS students stayed home and toasted in the New Year. Steve Civanich, senior, said, "I didn't mind staying home as long as I had my share of spirits."

Although MHS students were not included on Dick Clark's "New Years Rockin' Eve", they definitely rocked in the New Year one way or another.

Adrienne Viramontes

Shocking the nation day after day, headlines reported the many world tragedies. From natural disasters to hijackings, the number of fatalities and damages grew enormously.

Aggravating travelers, businessmen and eager vacationers, terrorists struck many times. Palantineans hijacked TWA flight 847, four men seized an Italian ship, killing one man, and terrorists captured an Egyptian airliner, killing 60.

Edie Phillips, sophomore stated, "I would take the risk of flying even though the high rate of hijacking but it would depend on what country I was going to visit."

Record setting natural disasters hit hard. Six hurricanes ripped up most of the southern and eastern coasts of the U.S. The most disastrous earthquake shook Mexico City, twice, leaving thousands dead and homeless. A landslide in Puerto Rico, a volcano in Nevado del Ruiz, and a dam burst in Italy claimed many more lives.

Fortunately, help was on the

way. Rescue teams from all over the world came to the aid of Mexico City and other cities in need.

"The second earthquake that hit Mexico City was a real tragedy. Once was enough. I hope Mexico City gets the aid it needs to get back on its feet," stated Brigitte Belmonte, senior.

The body of Josef Menegele, "Angel of Death", was uncovered near Sao Paulo, Brazil. After much controversy and research, it was finally officially identified as Josef Menegele. On the brighter side of discoveries, the famous remains of the Titanic were uncovered, September 1, Curiosity did not win the fight to raise the remains of the ship because of the fragility of the rotten body, and the depth of which it laid.

Who has a 22 inch neck, 48 inch waist, 34 inch thighs, and wore number 72? Of course, it's William "The Refridgerator" Perry. His wight of 308 pounds brought him his fame. He was the heaviest man in the NFL to ever score.

Being the first to do something always is exciting, especially for six-foot Lynette "Leaping Lizard" Woodward. She became

the first woman Globetrotter.

Amy Roberts, junior, commented, "I'd like Refridgerator Perry to be my next household appliance."

Throughout the year records all over the world were broken. Ty Cobb's glorious hit record was broken by Pete Rose, and Tom Sever was the 17th man ever to win 300 games.

Young heartthrobs of Bruce Springsteen were broken when "The Boss" married. His popularity is still in tact, but now he only has eyes for one.

Nick Thomas, senior stated, "I went to his concert in Chicago and thought his concert gave the best performance of any performer I know."

Disease and other health problems plagued the world as the AIDS scare began to increase as it claimed more lives. Rock Hudson became one of its victims. But now, scientists and researchers have developed a new drug that will hopefully soon cure this dreaded disease. Hitting at home and in the schools is what frightened the world the most. Children with AIDS were not allowed in schools or else were forced to stay out. Karen Dudak



Reviving the famous "Fireside Chats", President Reagan laughs with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. They are seated in front of a fireplace at the Fleur D'Eau Tuesday in Geneva.

Breaking Ty Cobb's career hit record in September, Pete Rose displays his winning form. The historic number 4,192 hit was a single to left field on a 2-1 pitch.





Struggling for his life after battling AIDS, actor Rock Hudson died late in 1985. His memory will live on in the hearts of many.

Hijacking a Trans World Airliner with 145 passengers and eight crew members aboard in Athens, Greece, a Shiite terrorist peeks out the window. All of the hostages were released within days except the murdered American.



Rocking his fans at a recent concert, Bruce Springsteen was the uncontested "Boss" of rock n' roll. He broke many hearts after his marriage last fall.

Spirit Week attracts classes to participate

Seniors, juniors or sophomores, who had the most school spirit? During spirit week, the juniors seemed to prevail.

Prizes were awarded to stu-

dents who participated in the following dress up days: Chicago Bear Day, Dress Up Day, Clash Day, College/Concert t-shirt Day and Purple and White Day.

Reagan Plesha, junior, commented, "I participated the most on clash day, because it was the easiest!"

"It was neat to look around and see everyone in purple and white on Friday," added Kelly Burke, junior.

MHS students were tempted to participate in Spirit Week by receiving gifts, such as a case of pepsi, gift certificates and movie tickets.

However, some students felt that offering prizes wouldn't make people show school spirit.

"There are some students who will show school spirit, and there are other students who won't. Nothing will change that," said Ron Borden, junior.

The Student Council tried to sponsor "Junior Olympics." These Olympics were to be a se-

ries of events for the student body to compete with each other and with other classes. Unfortunately, these games were cancelled due to lack of participation.

"We had hoped that the Olympics would start a sort of tradition at MHS," commented Kris Zimnawoda, Student Council President, "but I guess the timing just wasn't right. Hopefully, the Student Council will try it again next year."

"I think spirit week is important to the school. It shows the team that people are backing the Pirates all the way," concluded Wendy Eaton, junior.

Julie Metcalf



Student Council — Front Row: Kris Zimnawoda, John Garcia, Carl Jimenez, Joe Nash, Pat Mulroy, sponsor. **Second Row:** Karen Dudak, Jean Tasicas, Candy Rathjen, Brenda Hippie, Melissa Stefanovich, Tammy Benkavkas, Sharon Daniel, Mike Onstale, Debbie Galika, Michelle Schmidt. **Third Row:** Katie Lear, Lisa Funder, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakos, Janet Clarke, Jill Lamfalus,

Barb Hippie, Jodi Yagelski, Michelle Dudak, Lisa Bernstein, Gina Gros, Heather Kirk, Susan Galicak. **Back Row:** Leary Smith, Ana Dobrijevic, Bronko Jastric, Shell Schacki, Chris Cochran, Tony Asner, Dave Maddock, Joel Paska, Eric Ban, Brent Isenberg, Mike Mulroy, David Yonker, Chris Taskoff, Tracy Wikse.

Assisting the winning float at the half time activities of Spirit Week's Friday night basketball game are Frank Erturth and Bill Lorentz, juniors. Inside the float is Carl Jimenez, junior.



photos/Zawada



Showing their spirit, Bear fans Tony Velovski, and Melissa Hicks, juniors dressed up on "Chicago Bear day." Hicks obviously favors Bear's quarterback, Jim McMahon!

Spirit for the senior float was shown by Sheri Sohacki and Chris Cochran, seniors. Each entry for the float competition was paraded before a group of judges.



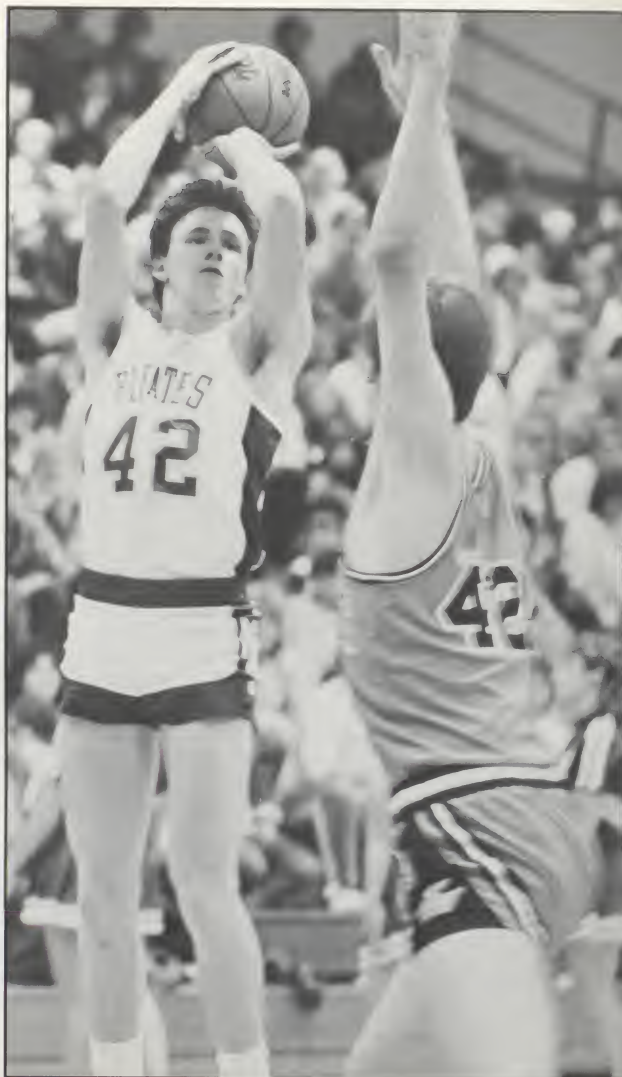
Helping Shirley Smith, junior, with her homecoming mum is Jerry Kasarda, English teacher. The mum was a token from Smith's beau, Scott Doege, junior.

Determined to make the basket is Steve Haller, junior. Haller finished the game with a total score of 18 points.

Performing her routine during pre-game is Sandy Hamilton, junior. The pom poms also displayed their talent at halftime.



photos / Zawda



Spirit Week of Homecoming finally boiled down to the basketball game on Jan. 31. The Pirates put up a tough fight, but unfortunately were defeated by the La-Porte Slicers, 77-69.

During the halftime, the traditional activities included the parade, announcement of Mr. Basketball and of the Basketball Homecoming royalty.

Mr. Basketball 1986 was awarded to Brent Isenberg, senior.

"I'm proud to have had a chance to receive this award. It was one of many highlights for me this season, along with winning several big games," stated Isenberg.

Then, the 1986 Homecoming candidates were introduced onto the floor. The candidates for the

senior court were Brad Curcio, Rich Lesniak, Eric Miner, Sam Dalkilic, Karen Dudak and Liusa Funder. Elected as King and Queen were Lesniak and Funder.

Candidates for the juniors were Chris Abel, Mike Gavelek, Rocky Sebastian, Kelly Burke, Lisa Navarro and Laura Parkhurst. The Prince and Princess elected were Abel and Burke.

Sophomore candidates were Greg Arceo, Mike Belmonte, Mike Lesniak, Cara Carrabine, Michelle Dudak and Ann Mestousis. Elected Prince and Princess were Lesniak and Carrabine.

The next event was the Homecoming Parade. The entrants were from the Senior Class, Junior Class, Sophomore Class, Spanish Club and Student Coun-

cil. The sophomore float came in third place, with the Spanish club float ahead at second and the junior float in first place.

The winning float was designed and

H

omecoming keeps traditional activities

made by Bill Lorentz and Carl Jimenez, juniors.

"We worked on our float for about two nights mostly just figuring out how it would work. We put it together during the first quarter of the game," commented Jimenez.

Tracy Schneider



Enthusiastic fans show their dedication during the Homecoming game. With the students' attendance, this was one of the biggest games of the season.

Posing as Senior King and Queen 1986 are Rich Lesniak and Lisa Funder. The presentations took place at halftime of the varsity game.

Displaying his gratification, Brent Isenberg, senior, thanks Kris Zimnawoda, Student Council President. Isenberg was chosen Mr. Basketball 1986 by members of the team.

Valentines

Fannie May candies, Sweet-Tart hearts, hugs and kisses and "I love you's." It was time for Valentine's Day.

The Valentine's dance was celebrated on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14. The theme for the dance was "Heaven" and was sponsored by the Sunshine Society. The members of the club were in charge of the decorations.

Brenda Cookston, senior, stated, "We decorated the cafeteria Friday after school for about one and a half hours. It was fun being with friends while getting something accomplished at the same time."

To remind them of their evening each couple was given a balloon that said, "I love you" and a cloud with their names on it, representing the theme of the dance. Golas provided pictures, if the couples wanted them.

Unfortunately, the dance was scheduled on the same day as a basketball game. Due to this, some people, who had planned to attend the game, were upset.

A basketball player, Chris Abel, junior, commented, "I was upset because I enjoy the dances, and I couldn't go. I also think the game hurt the attendance of the dance."

However, the couples that did attend had different activities planned for that special evening. "After the dance, my boyfriend and I went to Angelo's for dinner," commented Jeanine Kierzkowski, senior.

Wendy Troxel, senior, stated, "After the dance, we went to Red Lobster with two other couples. Then we went to a friend's party."

The overall view of the students who went to the dance said it was a very enjoyable evening for them.

Kierzkowski added, "You could tell everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time. With the decorations and music, everyone was set in a romantic mood."

Tracy Schneider

Daddy Date Night

Rockin', rollin', twistin', and dancin', dads and daughters made the third annual Daddy Date Night the most successful one yet.

Barb Hippie, senior, stated, "This year we had the best attendance. I watched the father's and daughters and could tell that everyone was having a good time."

Rollin' Sound provided the music for the anticipated event. Oldies but goodies from the 50's and 60's brought back many memories for the aging fathers and left new dance steps on the feet of young MHS daughters.

Although a night out with your dad may not sound very exciting, the consensus of the girls at the dance agreed that they had one of the best times they've had all year.

Stacy Lawrence, senior, exclaimed, "My dad and I have not had as much fun in a long time."

"Who would have ever believed that I would have had so much fun on a Friday night with my DAD?" stated, Debbie Galka, sophomore.

On the recent side of the music trends, fathers had a tough time keeping up with the beat of today's popular music. Many times during the evening, dads had to rest a minute to catch their breath.

"The funniest thing I remember about Daddy Date Night was watching my dad try to dance to "Rebel Yell" by Billy Idol," laughed, Kris Zimnawoda, senior.

Dads and daughters have a night to share, but what about moms and sons?

Many students, especially the males, feel discriminated against because there isn't a "mommy date night."

Chris Cochran, senior, stated, "I would enjoy going to a dance with my mom, but no one is sponsoring one."

All in all, daddy date night is becoming an anticipated tradition.

Karen Dudak

Dancing to a slow dance with her father, LeAnne Bell, senior, enjoyed the evening with her dad. Daddy Date Night gives MHS girls an opportunity to get closer with their fathers.



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ances break weekend monotony



Sunshine Society — **Front Row:** Sheila Yorkler, Karen Koystal, Sandy Mans, **Back Row:** Donna Meus, Leanne Bell, Jennifer

Stevenson, Brenda Cookston, Grace Bovard, sponsor



Enjoying some refreshments after dancing, Anne Marie Vernia, junior, and her father cool off with a glass of punch. Daddy Date Night is becoming a popular tradition at MHS.

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t's Saturday Night Live' on Friday, too!

It was "Saturday Night Live" at MHS. The show was hosted by Chevy Chase, Rosanne Rosandana, Bill Murray, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, all of whom were played by Bill Wilkison, who also was the student director of the Revue.

The Revue was directed by Bruce Woods, English teacher.

Karen Dudak, senior, commented, "I thought the Revue

was good. It was really funny and I had a good time."

Try-outs for the Revue were January 7 and 8 with the first practice on January 29. The cast was fairly large and had almost a month to prepare for the performances that was given on February 21 and 22.

Wilkison said, "Being student director was a lot of hard work. I not only had to concentrate on the acts in the Revue, but I also had to worry about my own acts coming together."

Being in the Revue wasn't easy, there was a lot of practice involved.

Mitch Davidhizar, sophomore, replied, "I was glad I was in the Revue, because it was a lot of fun. It's got me started on some new ideas for next year."

Not only did the student director worry about the acts, but the cast members also worried. Carol Gruber, senior, stated, "We didn't think we were going to make it for a while, but it all turned out for the best."

All in all, there was a good audience turn out. Katie Lear, senior, commented, "I didn't think I was going to enjoy myself so much. I'm glad I went."

Adrienne Viramontes



Preparing one of the many sets for the Revue, Bill Wilkison, junior, adds the final touch. Every one in the cast contributed to the sets.



Dancing up a storm, Sheri Sohacki, senior, and Kelly Burke, junior, have a good time. This was one of the dance acts of the Revue.



Sitting quietly while his makeup is applied is Bob Cullinan, junior. He was one of the Revue cast members.



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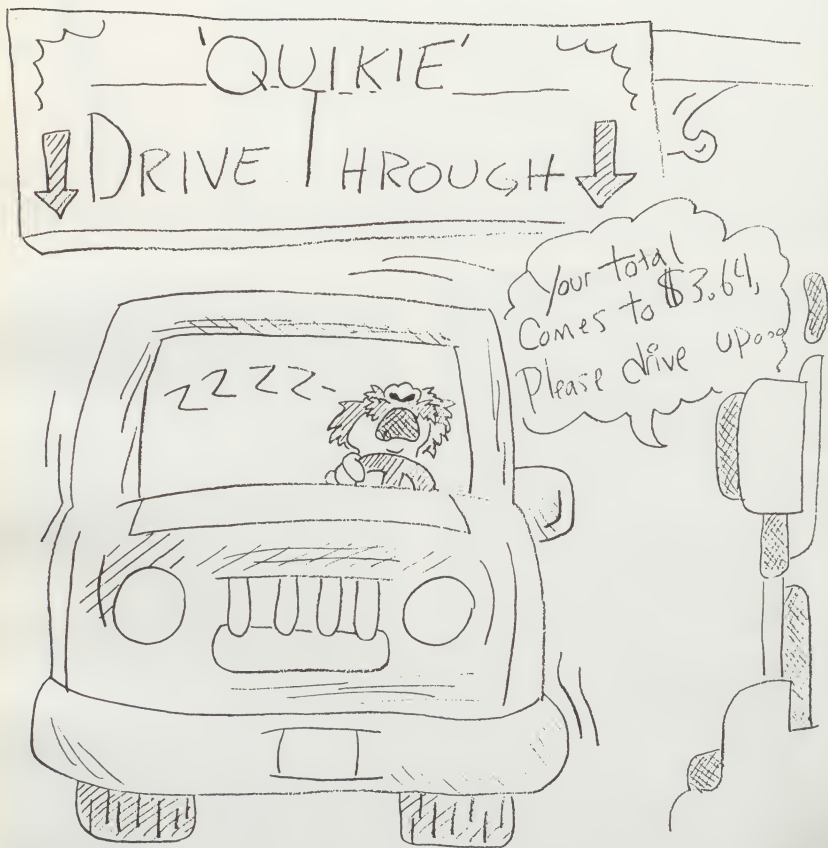


Thespians — **First Row:** Mike Rothger, Roy Parpart, R.D. Parpart, Bob McCracken, Bill Wikison, Barb Hippie, Lynn Drennan, Shirley Price. **Second Row:** Sherri Machacek, Karen Kostyal, Pam Lapley, Lisa Sponell, Sherri Sheptock, Kathy Sinker.

Melissa Stefnovich, Francine Harper, Joe Morrow. **Third Row:** Tracy Phillips, Becky Drennan, Jerry Schultz, Colleen McDermot. **Back Row:** Kim Thurman, Sheri Frayley, Dave Maddock, Ron McBrayer, David Yonker, Carl Jimenez, Bill Lorenz.



Singing his heart out is Roy Parpart, sophomore. This was one of the solo acts of the Revue.



10 things to do at a drive-up window

1

Reading a newspaper, even a whole chapter in a textbook has been read while waiting for dinner. "I read *Winds of War* while waiting for my Whopper."

2

Fixing your hair and make-up for that gorgeous guy who took the order. "I gained 70 pounds before Prom because I kept going to Hardee's everyday to see the guy who works there with hopes of him asking me to the Prom."

3

Waving at the starving kids in the car in front of you. "It was real cute until they stopped using their hands to wave back at us."

4

Searching under the seats for loose change to pay for your order. "When I was looking under the seat, I practically crawled under it for a mere 10 cents."

5

Keeping your hungry passenger from devouring everything in sight. "Everytime I go to a drive-up window, I put a muzzle on my friend so he doesn't eat the steering wheel."

6

Cramming for that first hour test you have been putting off. "I was studying for my history test for more than an hour before I got my order, but when I got to school, I found out that I had an algebra test instead."

7

Relax with a quick nap until the person in back of you honks the horn. "I fell asleep for so long that I had to cancel my dinner and order breakfast."

8

Lipsinging to your favorite song while the people in the next car stare at you. "Pretending to be Madonna, I got out of the car and started to dance to 'Get into the Groove.'"

9

Making conversation with the person working at the drive-up window. "After waiting for my orange juice and McMuffin, I discovered that the cashier was my second cousin on my mother's side."

10

If all else fails, try to find a good radio station. "While waiting for my Sunday dinner at Wendy's, I had to resort to listening to Dr. Ruth and her sex talk."

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PRING BREAK '86:

Local vacationers seek excitement

So what if almost everybody at MHS went to Florida or England and you stayed here? The people who stayed here surely didn't care.

Pam Wilczynski, senior, said, "I worked almost everyday but still had time to have some fun."

Look at all the exciting activities they looked forward to during Spring Break.

First of all, the Y & W drive-in opened, showing many movies such as "Howling II," "Police Academy III," "My Chauffeur" and a few others.

Also, cruising Broadway was a

popular activity for MHS students. There were many possibilities available to cruisers. For example, while parking on the side of the street, so not to waste any gas, one could encounter many interesting people of all creeds.

Melissa Berrier, senior, said, "Cruising enables you to meet new people and gives you something to do."

The absolute worst is when one meets a guy or girl on Broadway, and they claimed they are originally from Florida and visiting Indiana because it's their grandmother's birthday.

Some other activities were bowling, working and buying concert tickets.

Mitch Davidhizar, sophomore, commented, "Even though I didn't go to Florida, I made my own good time in Merrillville."

Overall, Spring Break was not that bad for people who stayed home. The weather did make things bareable.

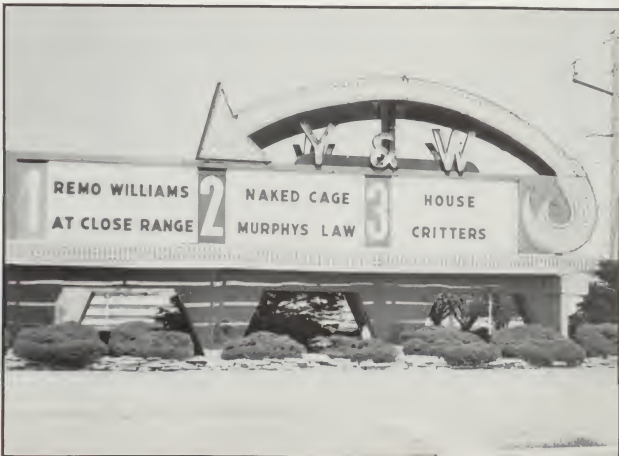
Spring break was what MHS students made of it. In other words, no matter where MHS students went it meant having a good time.

Adrienne Viramontes



Choosing a movie to see at the drive-in was not an easy task due to the numerous good selections. The drive-in was a "hot-spot" for many non-vacationers during Spring Break.

Enjoying a day of fun at the beach Florida are Melissa Primich, Margie Gianikos and Lisa Funder, seniors. They were three of many seniors at this "hot-spot" for Spring Break.





Surrounding the entrance, thousands of people visit Buckingham Palace. This was one of many sites visited during the England tour.

Sitting on the plane before leaving, are Sam Dalkalic and Janet Fernandez. They are anticipating their trip to Europe during Spring Break.



Students seek sun, fun

"To go or not to go" that was the question. MHS students could spend their Spring Break in Indiana or take a well deserved vacation.

The majority of the student body went out of state, preferably to somewhere warm!

Dawn Musgrove, junior, said, "I went to California for vacation, and it rained! The temperature barely reached 80 percent!"

Pam Young, junior, had better luck. "I was in Florida, and I got the tan I wanted! The sun shone all week!"

Some students chose to visit educational sights and give up the warmth.

Nick Papageorge, junior, went to Washington, D.C. with his

church basketball team. Papageorge admitted, "The weather could have been nicer, but the sights were good."

Other students not only went out of state, but to another country!

Janet Fernandez, senior, went to England with Lyle Stoelting, psychology and sociology teacher, and eight other students.

Fernandez stated, "It was a trip I will never forget!"

What is the best advantage to going out of state?

Amy Petrites, sophomore, summed it up, "coming back to Indiana with a tan before anyone here had one."

Julie Metcalf

What's up?

Should freshmen, sophomores be allowed to attend Prom?

"No, because they should have to admire the people who do go, before they go," said **Stacy Stubblefield**, junior.

"Sophomores should be able to go, but not freshmen," said **Jerry Kasarda**, English teacher.

"No, I don't believe that at the freshmen-sophomore level a student is mature enough to attend. Also, the cost is prohibitive for attending," said **Diane Mandon**, Social studies teacher.

"No, I don't believe that at the freshman-sophomore level a student is mature enough to attend. Also, the cost is prohibitive for attending," said **Diane Mandon**, Social studies teacher.

"Yes, because they should be

treated like everyone else in high school," said **Ruby Spradley**, sophomore.

"No, it's too crowded as it is," said **Mike Randall**, senior.

"No, because it's something special for juniors and seniors. It gives you something to look forward to as a freshman or sophomore," said **Sue Hofferber**, senior.

"I think sophomores should attend if they can afford it, but not freshmen because they are too immature," said **Maxine Righi**, sophomore.

"Yes, I think sophomores should go because their part of the high school too, but not the freshmen," said **Kerri Ralph**,

sophomore.

"Sophomores should be able to attend, but since there are no freshmen at the high school, they shouldn't," said **Jennifer Vereb**, sophomore.

"Sophomores should be able to, but not freshmen," said **Jill Jurasevich**, sophomore.

"Yes, because they are no different than us," said **Tammy Barkauskas**, junior.

"Sophomores should go, but freshmen shouldn't be able to," said **Kelly Geib**, sophomore.

"I don't think freshmen should be allowed to attend because they are not mature enough to handle the involvement of Prom

or the financial responsibilities that go along with it," said **Margaret Stiles**, English teacher.

"I think Prom is for juniors and seniors only, unless the sophomores are escorted by either a junior or senior," said **Brian Vallese**, senior.

"I think that the freshmen and sophomores are too young to attend, but it's all right for them to go with a senior or junior," said **Katherine Fedyk**, senior.

"No, because by the time they are juniors or seniors, they won't want to go because they have already gone," said **Lisa Petroff**, senior.





"I wanted to keep the tan that I got in Florida for the Prom. I found that a tanning salon was the easiest way to keep it."

Pam Young,
Junior

Showing how to use a tanning bed is an employee at one of the many tanning salons. Tanning beds and booths were popular before Prom.

After all, what's a best friend for?

Passing notes, long talks, shopping sprees and Friday nights.

These are some things MHS students enjoyed doing with their best friends.

Almost everyone has a friend

that they have developed a special trust and understanding with, whether it be a classmate or a long time neighbor.

However, each person has their own opinion about a best friend. Many students feel a best

friend is someone they can really confide to and trust.

Ernie Bodrazic, senior, explained, "My best friend is someone I can really have a heart to heart talk with. It takes a lot to trust someone like that!"

Joel Paska, junior, added, "I get along better with my best friend than anyone else."

Some students develop this close friendship with someone who shares common interests.

Martha Christos, junior, commented, "Being the same nation-

ality brought my best friend and I closer together. We even had the opportunity to tour Greece together last summer."

Chris Cunningham, senior, added, "Aside from being my closest confident, my best friend and I also are great jogging partners!"

Whether it be someone to confide to, share secrets with or do things together, a best friend is someone that will always be special.

Linda Elsner

SRA means two test days

Test booklets were scattered over desk tops and lunch tables, as the juniors entered the cafeteria and classrooms with #2 pencils prepared to start a grueling two day series of SRA testing.

Wendy Mininger, junior, said, "I thought those tests were worthwhile, but they were extremely boring."

The purpose of the SRA tests was to compare each student's school abilities at certain levels.

Jennifer Terry, junior, said, "The tests might be helpful to colleges who want to determine how smart a student is and how well they are able to comprehend."

The achievement series was designed to provide information about student achievement through a series of various subtests.

Some of the tests were read-

ing, mathematics, language arts, social studies and science.

Lisa Stedman, junior, commented, "I thought the part about reading comprehension was the hardest part of the test."

Karen Depta, junior, said, "The special relations test was definitely the most difficult part of the test."

The SRA score provided a measure of the students' abilities to skills and knowledge learned in school to practical and real-life situations.

Becky Ramos, junior, said, "I just went to sleep early and came into the cafeteria with a clear mind and did my best."

All in all, the SRA tests were successful and encouraged students to use their knowledge to the best of their abilities."

Karen Binns

Bad luck: believe it or not

Have seven years been ruined because of a broken mirror?

Did a horoscope ever predict the future?

Did a black cat cross your path?

To many students, superstitions mean only one thing, BAD LUCK, and lots of it, unless precautions are taken.

Krissy Trakis, sophomore, said that she believes in the superstition of knocking on wood.

"I'm afraid something bad will happen if I don't," said Trakis.

I'm the same way, added Lisa Tidwell, senior.

Yet, some students feel super-

stitions are completely untrue.

Chris Psaros, senior, explained, "People made up superstitious stories to explain things they really don't understand. I don't believe in them, because they're just not true."

Mike Lisch, senior, told why he thought superstitions were not realistic. "One time a black cat crossed my path when I was driving. I didn't see it until I had already run it over. I'd say that's the cat's bad luck, not mine!"

It's bad luck to walk under a ladder or to have a black cat cross your path. But, it's only a superstition!

Candy Rathjen

L

ast performance attracts 'SRO' crowd

"Broadway!" "Vaudeville!"
"Standing Room Only!"

These phrases were repeated throughout the show to put the audience back in time to the days when concert goers would stand to watch a good show.

"Standing Room Only," a pop concert, was performed May 23 by the MHS

choirs.
At 7:30
p.m.,
the
lights

dimmed and a huge banner was lowered reading "SRO" (Standing Room Only). Bill Wilkison, junior, was master of ceremonies. He played many parts, including a radio announcer complete with commercials.

Singing started with the "SRO" theme which made the way for solos and dancing acts.

Music varied from "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" to "Rock Around the Clock" and "The Twist". The concert ended with songs like "Flashdance" and the "SRO" theme.

Jenny Utley, junior, agreed, "Not only the dancing was good, but the songs were good, also."

"I had alot of fun doing this show, which is what I expected," commented Denise Vasquez, sophomore.

For the seniors involved in the choirs, this marked their last show.

Bob McGuckin, senior, said, "I've been involved in many MHS productions, and I'm going to miss these shows."

Friday night's turnout was larger which made it all worth the effort for those participating.

Julie Metcalf



Playing a piano solo at the Spring Concert is Paul DeStefano, senior. DeStefano performed a popular piece by a famous composer.

Waiting for the next song to begin are Amy Best and Stephanie Soltis, seniors. Many breaks were taken between songs for dancing to be done on the center stage.



photos/Zawada



Velveteens — Carol Pároussi, Carmen Galegosi, Kathi Crowder, Sue Huddleston,

Chris Carlson, Barb Parks, Julie Zaradich, Tracy Goodman, Ma Brownwell



Vocalteens — **Front Row:** Bob McGuckin, Kelly Huddleston, Jeff Brown, Mitch Davidhizer, Teresa Crum, Ben Albright, Jeff Coto, Tammy Erdles, Rob Parpert

Back Row: Adrienne Vranontes, Carol Gruber, Roy Parpert, Dala Lamore, Josi Cammarata



Performing is dance in the Spring Concert are the **MAJESTY**. This year the dance quartet will perform with the boys' vocal group.

I

t's "Never Too Late"

to see a play

After a month and a half of practicing, rehearsing and more practicing, the Junior and Senior Classes presented "Never Too Late."

The spring production took place April 25 and 26 at Reinhart Auditorium.

"Never Too Late" was directed by Bruce Woods, English teacher. The cast consisted of nine people: Jared Riddle, Harry Lambert; Barb Hipple, Edith Lambert; Francine Harper, Kate; Bob McGukin, Charly; Carl Jimenez, Mayor Crane; Melissa Stefanovich, Grace Kimbrough; Tony Velovski, Doctor Kimbrough; Leanne Bell, Foley (plummer); and Bill Lorentz, policeman.

"There were a lot of people auditioning for the roles, and I felt honored to be chosen. Plus, it was my first leading role," commented Riddle, junior.

The conflict began when Mrs. Lambert informed her family that she was going to have a baby.

Being in her late 50's, no one can believe it. Throughout the play, the family was faced with numerous problems.

In the end, all of the difficulties were resolved, leaving the audience with one final thought: it is "Never Too Late" to change your life or feelings about something that is worth the change.

"I laughed during the whole play. The whole cast did an excellent job also," said Dave Mad-dack, junior.

Jimenez, junior, added, "Although it was a lot of work, I had a great time doing it."

The turnout should have been better because of all the publicity. The Dairy Queen and all of the posters distributed around the school were used to promote the Spring Play.

Anna Televiski, junior, said, "I had expected a lot of people to show up. I can't understand why there weren't more. It was a super play."

All in all, the cast had a good time presenting "Never Too Late."

Sherry Guernsey



Shouting at Barb Hipple, senior, for not making dinner is Jared Riddle, junior. Riddle and Hipple played the leading roles as Edith and Harry Lambert in the Spring Play.

Rehearsing for the play, but forgetting his lines, is Tony Velovski, junior. Entitled "Never Too Late", the play was put on by the Thesplan Society.



photos / Zawada



Ujorch



Spring Play Cast — Front Row: Carl Jimenez, Barb Hippie, Jared Riddle, Back Row: Bill Lorentz, Leanne Bell, Bob

McCluckitt, Francine Harber, Melissa Stefanovich, Tony Velovski.

Being informed by Melissa Stefanovich, junior, to listen to what everyone says is Barb Hippie, senior. Melissa played Grace and Barb played Edith.

Taking a little break, Tony Velovski, junior, awaits his next line. Tony played Dr. James Kinborgh in the spring play.

Waiting patiently while getting measured for a perfect fit on a tux, Brett St. Germain, senior, begins his plans for Prom. St. Germain went to Dunhill Tuxedos, one of the new shops in Merrillville.

Looking over a dress, Jean Tasicas, senior, decides whether to try it on or not. Many MHS girls look forward to their senior Prom.



photos / Gankos

T is the season to spend money

Springtime is here. The grass is turning green, flowers are blooming, the weather is getting warmer, and Prom time is here.

What color dress should I get? When should I go look for one?

What style do I want? Is anyone else going to get the same dress?

These are a few of the many questions that girls wondered about at this time of the year.

However, the biggest question was if you were going and with whom. If you happened to have a steady boyfriend or girlfriend, then most likely you would be going to Prom. But for those who don't have a steady boyfriend or girlfriend, you would have to wait to find out who would ask you to Prom.

Chris Abel, junior, commented, "I would take someone that I

have been going out with for a long time."

"I would take someone who I really got along with and would want to be with," added Rich Lesniak, senior.

On the other hand, there are different ways of going to Prom. Lisa Funder, senior, stated, "I met a guy in Florida and we talked it over and decided he would escort me to my senior Prom."

The next worry for the girl was finding a dress and hoping that no one else would have the same dress.

"I went looking for a dress two months before Prom, so I could have a wider variety," commented Beth Weger, senior.

"I tried to get my dress earlier because the shops usually sell only one dress to a school. This way, I didn't have to worry about anyone having the same dress as me," explained Dawn Musgrove, junior.

However, finding a tux for the guy wasn't a worry. Usually, the girl told him what color she was wearing and what looks pretty with it.

Then, you had to order your flowers.

Kelly McDonald, junior, stated, "I preferred silk flowers to real ones because they're easier to keep for mementos."

Another decision made was the plans for that evening and the next day. Most couples talked it over between each other to decide what would be the most fun.

Some ideas for the next day were to go to the dunes, a baseball game, Turkey Run or Great America.

Weger added, "Prom can be the best enjoyed weekend, if your plans are made early. This way, there doesn't have to be a lot of hectic running around at the last minute."

Tracy Schneider



Comparing prices for flowers, Gina Flaherty, junior, chooses a special rosegay arrangement. Many MHS students go to Bryans Florist for their Prom flowers.

Dedicated to his work, Mike Kowal, junior, finishes up the detail on the background. The background was one of the many decorations the art class provided for Prom.



Borden

Standing out from the crowd, Jeff Warren, senior, doesn't look like the typical dressed MHS student. A number of MHS guys modeled tuxedos in school to advertise for Gingiss Formalwear.

Qian/Kos

Taking a break after the garter exchange, Heidi Yonker, senior, Jerry Schultz, junior, Sandy Manis, and Pat McCoy, seniors, enjoy the activities.

The garter exchange followed the Grand March at 9 p.m.

After being chosen Prom King, Mercury Pappas, junior, rests along with his date. Chosen as Prom Queen was Kelly Burke, junior.



Dancing to a slow song, Joe Spurlock, senior, and his date, share a quiet moment together on the dance floor. Prom was at the Serbian-American Hall at 7 p.m.

Expressing their feelings for each other, Linda Elsner and Mike Scheffer, seniors, take time out from the dance floor. L & L Mobile Sound provided the music for the couples to dance.



May 17, was just, "One More Night" for Prom goers. Prom was sponsored by the Junior Class and was at St. Elijah Serbian-American Hall. Favors were a Prom program and headbands.

Candy Wojcik, senior, commented, "The headbands were terrible. We didn't need to be reminded of Jim McMahon at Prom. Prom is romantic; headbands aren't."

Chuck Tipton, senior, added, "I'd love the headband if my name was Jim McMahon."

Even though the couples didn't favor the headbands, they enjoyed the other events of the evening.

"I enjoyed the music because they played a nice variety that everyone could dance to," stated Donna Lewandowski, senior.

At 9 p.m., the King and Queen were announced. Last year's Prom King and Queen, Eric Miner

and Karen Dudak, seniors, presented the crowns.

King candidates were Chris Abel, Mike Gavetek, Mike Mackey, and Mercury Pappas, juniors. Chosen as 1986 Prom King was Pappas.

Queen candidates were Kelly Burke, Laura Cook, Lisa Navarro, and Laura Parkhurst, juniors. The 1986 Queen was Burke.

Furthermore, the seniors had something different in 1986. The week before Prom, SADD sponsored a raffle. The prize was a chauffeured limosine before and after Prom. The winner was Danny Jenks and his date, Pam Wilczynski, seniors.

"We enjoyed the experience of having to travel to and from Prom in the luxury of a chauffeured limosine. We feel it was an excellent way to raise money, and they should continue to have the raffle next year," stated Jenks and

Wilczynski.

For the next day's activities, Turkey Run and Great America popular

were spots. Stooksbury, said, having to and from

limosine. We feel it was an excellent way to raise money, and they should continue to have the raffle next year," stated Jenks and Wilczynski.

"Even though the rain seemed to dampen our spirits, the best thing about Prom was dancing and being with my date and my friends having a great time," concluded Tim Bianco, senior.

Tracy Schneider

Prom more than just
one more night'



Posing for an informal picture, Kenny Moore, senior, and Heather Kirk, sophomore, smile as Tony Zaradich, senior, snaps a picture. The art department provided a few scenic backgrounds for the couples at Prom.

Award night recognizes achievements

On May 28 MHS honored students for their academic and athletic achievements. These students were recognized by the faculty and many other organizations.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian: Lisa Tidwell, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakos and Stacy Lawrence.

Academic Decathlon: George Angelov, Geoffrey Chidsey, John Drake, Dave Hrabich, Steve Plaszczyn, James Ray, Mark Runhoff, Dave Maddack, Jerry Miller.

Allstate Club of the Indiana Dunes Scholarship: Beth Zandstra.

American Legion "Outstanding Senior By and Girl" Award: Geoffrey Chidsey, Leanne Bell.

American Testing Program Participants: Andy Papovoulos, and Linda Walsh.

Girls and Boys State: Julie Joseforsky, Reagan Pleisha, Nomi Zemblas, Alternates — Karin Cook, Jill Lamfalusi, Jill Stoner, Dave Maddack, John Wiczynski.

Alternates — Chris Abel, Joe Nash.

Ball State University Scholarships: Mia Brownwell and Fred Summers.

Ball State Freshman Journalism Achievement Scholarship: Suse Lax.

Xi Epsilon Mu Chapter Scholarship: Bob Parpart.

Business and Professional Women's Scholarship: Karen Dudak, Mary Kate Hill, Sheila Yorker.

Youth Leadership Awards: David Yorker, Tony Veloski.

Dentorh Foundation Recognition: Mike Lusch, Darlene Maryonovich.

Art Awards: Aissa Ampelios, Sam Dakovic, Linda Esten, Monty Jorgensen.

Audio-Visual/Library Service: Paul Zawada, John Guzman, Anita Langbein.

Business Awards: Darlene Maryonovich, Brenda Cookston, Beth Zandstra.

English Language Awards: German — Scott O'Herbacher, Spanish — LeAnne Bell, French — Neil Petroff.

Homa Economics Awards: Colleen Cruz, Rita Kach, Sheri Doeng, Donna Huffmaster, Tania Raehl.

Industrial Arts Awards: Ken Evanyo, Rolando Gonzalez, Dave Hudock.

Journalism Awards: Most Valuable Staffer — (Yearbook) — Kara East, (Newspaper) Suse Lax.

"Outstanding Senior" — Kris Zimnawoda.

Technical Drawing: Steve Gronok, Joe Hrak.

Mathematics Awards: James Maryonovich, Jeffrey Pastor, James Ray, Lisa Tidwell, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakos.

German American National Congress Award: Scott O'Herbacher.

Gray-American Brotherhood Award: Linda Zakos.

Hoesler Scholar Awards: Janet Clarke, John Garos, Chris Paaras.

Hugh O'Brian Outstanding Sophomore Award: Linda Shesto.

Indiana University Talent Award: Randy Wylie.

John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarships: Milan Ijendza, Kristine Reynolds.

The Lee Musser Memorial Award: Mark Runhoff.

Letino Scholarship Awards: Brigitte Belmonte, John Garcia, Rolando Gonzalez, Carmen Galegos, Lisa Navarro, David Vasquez, Joseph Anya, Deanna Cortez, Chris Sales, Evelette Santiago, Modesto Tamayo.

Lempe of Learning, Chevrons, and "M" Awards: Leanne Bell, Geoffrey Chidsey, Lynn Drennan, Stacy Lawrence, Darlene Maryonovich, Jeff Pastor, James Ray, Sheri Schack, Lisa Tidwell, Brian Tomb, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakos, Greg Chidsey, Sharon Daniel, Melissa Hicks, Jerry Miller, Terry Salzer, Anthony Simone, Sora Trajkovski, David Yorker, Nomi Zemblas, Tony Azner, Brad Bensch, Lisa Bernstein, Melina Book, Lara Buck, Susan Dankanich, Becky Drennan, Shannon Finley, Cindy Hyndner, Tammy Jostes, Pam Luptey, Lisa Spool, Jennifer Tomb, Matt Werner, Aaron Yavotzov, Charles Zemblas.

Mari-Glen Kiwiana Awards: Police Camp — LaTonya Barkhead, Kathleen Jennings; Career Seminar — Cindy Hyndner.

Kiwiana State Scholarship: Sheila Yorker.

Mari-Glen Kiwiana Awards: Cheryl Vana.

Merrillville Kiwiana Awards: Police Camp — Carol Gruber, Jamie Mireles.

Merrillville Kiwiana Scholarship: Paul DeStefano.

Merrillville Sports Association Scholarships: John Allen, Stacy Lawrence.

Commended Student: John Allen, George Angelov, Leanne Bell, Scott O'Herbacher, Lisa Tidwell.

Academic Fitness Awards: John Allen, George Angelov, Michael Barnack, Leanne Bell, Brigitte Belmonte, Mike Brownwell, Donald Carlson, Geoffrey Chidsey, Janet Clarke, Chris Cochran, Brenda Cookston, Brad Cowan, Paul DeStefano, John Ray.

Music Awards: Choir — Bob McGuckin, Tammy Erdettes Band — Sue Winovich, Karen Kostyal, Orchestra — Lisa Tidwell, Tony Zardich.

Physical Education Awards: Jeff Dan, Cathy Arneson.

Science Award: Geoff Chidsey.

Social Studies Awards: Cheryl Vana, Chris Tobas.

Busch and Lomb Business Awards: James Ray.

Maurice and Rose Johnson Scholarship: Karen Pearson, Tim O'Shea.

National Pulman Scholarship: Karen Pearson.

Student Leader Certificates: Leanne Bell, Geoff Chidsey, Lynn Drennan, Stacy Lawrence, Darlene Drake, Lynn Drennan, Karen Dudak, John Garcia, Tracy Goodman, Rick Hendrickson, Brian Hixon, Brent Isenberg, Karen Kasprzak, Stacy Lawrence, Richard Lesnak, Michael Lusch, David Magry, Wayne McMillan, Erik Menie, Tim O'Shea, Jon O'Herbacher, Jeff Pastor, Andy Pavlopoulos, Karen Pearson, Lisa Petroff, Neil Petroff, Vakis Patamianos, Chris Paaras, Candy Rathlin, James Ray, Chris Shayt, Sheri Schack, Lisa Tidwell, Brian Tomb, Danny Tsatoros, Cheryl Vana, Linda Walsh, Pam Wiczynski, Sheila Yorker, Donna Zakos, Kris Zimnawoda.

Purdue University Certificates of Recognition: John Allen, Leanne Bell, Janet Clarke, Lynn Drennan, John Garcia, Karen Kasprzak, Jeff Pastor, Vakis Patamianos, Chris Paaras, Sheila Yorker, Donna Zakos.

Purdue University's Minority Mark Award: John Garcia.

Purdue University Calumet Certificate: Michael Barnack, Brigitte Belmonte, Don Carlson, Rick Hendrickson, Brian Hixon, James Ray, Pam Wiczynski.

Rose Hulman Institute Honors Scholarships: George Angelov, Paul DeStefano, Rick Lesnak, Neil Petroff, James Ray.

Rotary Scholarship: James Ray.

Saint Joseph Trustee Scholarship: Fred Summers.

"Century III Leaders": John Garcia.

Shinner Scholarships: Leanne Bell, Geoff Chidsey, Lynn Drennan, Karen Kasprzak, Sheri Schack, Brian Tomb, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakos, Tom Vassiac.

Society of Women Engineers Recognition: Stacy Lawrence, Leanne Bell, Donna Zakos.

U.S. Air Force Outstanding Achievement Awards: Lisa Tidwell, Jeff Pastor.

Vulpesoro University Presidential Scholarship: Brent Isenberg.

Purdue University Moysa Scholarship: John Allen.

Indiana University Softball Scholarship: Jenny Bailey.

Indiana University — Honors Division Scholarship: Geoff Chidsey.

Berry College Scholarship: Brenda Cookston.

Savannah College of Art and Design, "Frances Levan McCommon Scholarship": Samantha Daskal.

Wabash College President's Scholarship: Chris Cochran.

University of Tennessee at Martin Volleyball Scholarship: Kara East.

Southwest Baptist University Scholarship: Sheri Schack.

Franklin College Football Scholarship: Kevin Kaurich, Chris Krutz.

Northwestern University Noyes Scholarship: Stacy Lawrence.

Southlake Barber Academy: Jon Miller, Lisa Riley.

DePaul University Hartford Neal Scholarship: Erik Menie.

Franklin College Academic Scholarship: Tim O'Shea.

University of Tennessee at Martin Softball Scholarship: Candy Rathlin.

University of Notre Dame Dailey Memorial Scholarship: Lisa Tidwell.

Butler University "University Faculty Scholarship": Linda Walsh.

Perfect Attendance: Six Years — Geoff Chidsey, Five Years — Robert Parpart, Four Years — Michael Barnack, Brigitte Belmonte, Sylvie Belmonte, David Hudock, Mary Kozelski, Kris Wojkovich, Donna Zakos, Three Years — Megan Admowich, Sharon Daniel, Carmen Galegos, Philip Gil, Julie Joseforsky, Laura LeConte, Shalimar Pionaris, Michael Mallory, Billy Sprulock, Thomas Wannan, William Wikison, Beth Yelach.

Good Citizen Award: Lynn Drennan.

Evana Scholars Foundation Scholarship: Geoff Chidsey, Dave Hrabich.

Indiana Association of Private Career Schools Scholarship: Eileen Dawson, Diane Metcalf.

Indiana University Northwest Special Academic Scholarship: Karen Dudak, Tracy Goodman.

Jill Jaskolski Memorial Scholarship: Kris Zimnawoda.

Kris Vicky Memorial Scholarship: Brad Curcio.

Sons of Italy Scholarship: Mary Anna.

Sunshine Society Scholarship: Sheila Yorker, Michelle Spiczynski.

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Awards: Karen Dudak, Chris Cochran.

U.S. Army ROTC Scholarship: Scott O'Herbacher.

Presenting a foreign exchange student with an American flag to remember her visit to the U.S. is Dan Rapacz, Principal. The student, Kayoko Kume, came from Japan.

Being recognized, Frank O'Shea, dean of students, presents Beth Zandstra, senior, with a plaque. This award was given by her teachers.



Announcing students who received honors at the Awards Night is Tom Herbert, assistant principal. These awards were given for academic excellency as well as athletic ability.



Honor Society — Front Row: Brad Curcio, Karen Dugan, Shari Schneider, Geoffrey Chisley. **Second Row:** Paul DeStefano, John Allen, Stacy Lawrence, Brigitte Beemonte, Brian Tono, John Drake, Sheila Yorker, Cheryl Vana, Mary Ann Gallans, sponsor. **Third Row:** Janet Clarke, Chuck Klingaman, Jeff Pastor, John Garcia,

Cathy Rutten, Mike Loch, Chris Pearle, Linda Walsh, Donna Zakari, Lynn Dranshon. **Back Row:** Kris Zimnawood, Neil Petroff, Chris Cochran, Brent Iamberg, James Ray, George Angelov, Mike Barauk, Leanne Bell, Rick Hendrickson, Vukot Potamianos, Tim O'Shea.

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radition strikes again at graduation ceremony

What do you get with 433 anxious seniors in a filled gym?

You got it; the graduating class of 1986 commencement exercises was in Englehart gym on Sunday, June 8.

Most seniors realized for the

first time that this was it. They had finally made it!

Honored speakers included Lisa Tidwell, Linda Walsh, Donna Zaikos, valedictorians, and Stacy Lawrence, salutatorian. Each gave speeches during commencement.

Tidwell, senior, stated, "Our special friends must never be forgotten; we owe them so much."

"MHS has given us a valuable asset, an education, to guide us through the years ahead," commented Zaikos, senior.

"As we look at our scrapbook in the future, remember the great times and most of all the lasting

impression we made on MHS," said Walsh, senior.

Lawrence, senior, added, "The memories and experiences should be placed in the back of our mind to reflect on and to learn from in the years to come.

Now is the time to move on!"

Although students were warned about beach balls, surprisingly, a few bounced through the air during the distribution of diplomas.

"It's tradition!" stated excited seniors who were asked why they had brought them.

The turning of tassel's was led by Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal. He also was the featured speaker at commencement.

In addition, a special candlelight service took place in the memory of Lee Musser. Rev. Rich J. Crispell spoke in memory of Lee Musser.

The ceremony came to an end as purple and white balloons floated down from the ceiling.

Sherry Guernsey

Entering the gym for the 60th commencement exercise at MHS, seniors file into their rows. The Senior Class of 1986 was composed of 433 seniors.

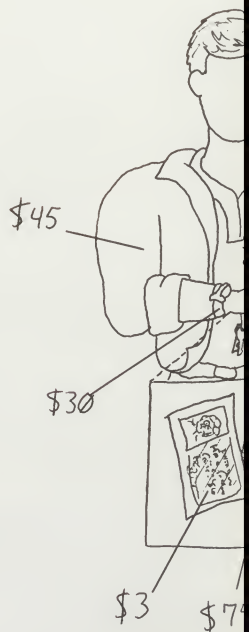
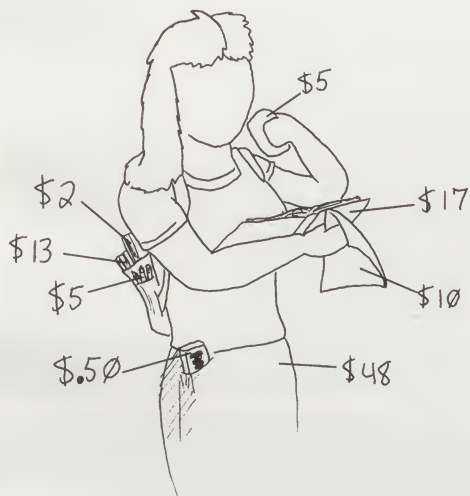
Commerating the memory of Lee Musser, seniors lit candles during commencement exercises.



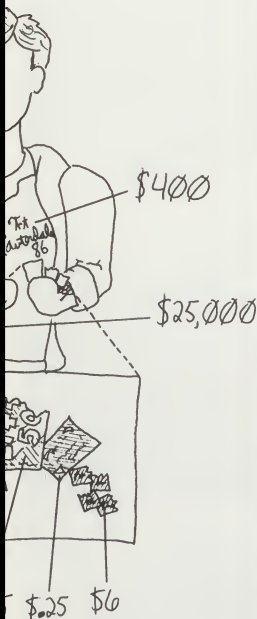


Performing the last symbolic act by the Class of 1986 was the turning of their tassels. Graduation took place in the Englehart gymnasium on June 8.

Addressing the members of the Senior Class, Lisa Tidwell, valedictorian, stresses the bond of friendship. Tidwell urged her classmates to take the time to cherish friendships.



The cost of attending MHS



\$5 — An unlimited supply of Hostess cakes for lunch.

\$17 — A yearbook.

\$10 — An endless supply of paper for the notes you "aren't" supposed to be writing.

\$48 — A pair of Guess jeans, which everyone wants.

\$.50 — A box of M & M's for the end-of-the-day munchies.

\$5 — A year's supply of pencils, but the price could have been increased depending on the number of advanced math, English or science classes taken.

\$13 — The science book mangled as it was pulled out from a locker.

\$2 — To pay for the book "borrowed" from the library.

\$400 — A relaxing vacation in Florida for Spring

Break. No one wants to stay home.

\$25,000 — Candy Apple Red Porsche. Who rides the bus?

\$6 — Tickets for the football season. No one stays home to watch Miami Vice on Friday nights.

\$.25 — A parking sticker.

\$75 — A weekend in Bloomington for the Little 500.

\$3 — A new I.D. card because of the horrible picture you took your sophomore year.

\$30 — A Swatch to complete your wardrobe.

\$45 — A Levi's jean jacket — or you could always take your Dad's.

\$25,659.75 total



Disintegrating 90 seconds after take-off, the Space Shuttle Challenger and its seven crew members were destroyed instantaneously. NASA determined that the cause of the explosion was from a leak in one of the external gas tanks that ignited the fuel.

Dropping gas prices due to OPEC nations' glut of the oil market pleased many long and short distant travelers. Gas stations changed prices frequently in order to keep up with declining prices. They dropped as low as 68 cents for one gallon of regular.



"5, 4, 3, 2, 1 . . . TAKEOFF. The Space Shuttle Challenger has just lifted off with the first teacher in space."

Less than 90 seconds later, the shuttle exploded, killing all of the crew members. The world was stunned as news casts reported this tragedy.

Mike Dinatale, senior, stated, "I was stunned when I found out it was really true."

On a more positive note, MHS students were very pleased as they watched gas prices plummet from \$1.20 to 68 cents on the average.

"Economically, I think it was great for the country except for the southwest. It's provided a chance for this region to rebound economically. I drive 60 miles a day, so personally I enjoyed the small savings," stated Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher.

Who would have ever believed that Clint "Dirty Harry" Eastwood would ever run for mayor, let alone win?

Yes, Clint Eastwood is now the proud mayor of Carmel, California.

In Merrillville, unseasonably warm weather in late March pleased many MHS students, especially those who stayed home for Spring Break. Temperatures averaged in the 70's to the middle 80's.

"Even though I worked a lot, I enjoyed the nice weather every chance I had," stated Mary Naumoski, senior.

After many months of debating who will supply Merrillville with its first Cable Company, U.S. Cable was finally chosen. Instead of go-

H

eadlines hit hard at home

ing to the show, many MHS students stayed at home to watch the shows on television.

"I really enjoy my cable box. It provides many channels and different program selections. It is a better alternative to the cinema," stated, Renee Misher, junior.

Finally, in retaliation to terrorists actions, President Reagan bombed Lybian military facilities and suspected terrorist training camps.

James Bittner, senior, commented, "I felt that Reagan took the right steps. He's given them enough warnings. I'm willing to fight."

Mike Demakas, senior, added, "If it comes to war, I hope it will be a short one. I would volunteer to fight for my country."

Karen Dudak

Admiring her new uniform, Christa McAuliffe was to be the first teacher in space before the space shuttle exploded. A short service was held in order to honor the crew members.

Addressing the public, Lybian leader Moammar Khadafi, stated his opinion on the U.S. retaliation attack against Libya. War seemed eminent, but President Reagan avoided any other confrontations.



Wide World Photos



"Summer is a time to break away from school and relax. It's the best part of going to school — the vacation!"

Dave Poholarz
Junior

Gazing into the hot blazing sun is junior Dave Poholarz. Summer vacation lasts two months for students.



It's not a job; it's another adventure

Extra money is a necessity in the eyes of a teenager. What better way to make money than a summer job.

Was it really worth it to slave over a cash register, grill or clothes rack instead of sunning at the beach or hanging out with your friends?

"It gave me the opportunity to prepare myself for the future. I was able to see what I was good at doing, plus it made me more responsible as to buying the things I needed or wanted," commented Gloria Leon, junior.

"Working three or four days a week gave me the extra money I needed to hang out with my friends during the rest of the

week. I also made a lot of friends when I worked over the summer, said Wendy Minninger, junior.

"Sure my summer job made it hard to enjoy my summer, but I also thought it made me a better person because of the responsibility I gained," commented Tracy Hatala, junior.

"I love going to the beach in the summer, but I felt a job was more important because it enabled me to meet new people and earn some spending money. The best part of working was having a 20 percent discount," commented Helen Lalios, junior.

As for people who didn't have jobs, they looked at the situation with a different perspective.

"I felt it would interfere with my summer, and take away from my social activities," commented Sherri Sheptock, junior.

Most MHS students agreed that having a job was a great way

to meet people and make money.

But as we grow older, the jobs we had will not be as well remembered as those hazy summers with our friends and family.

Kathleen Jennings

Summer means workshops

Where can you find Merrillville High School students during the summer?

If they were not at the drive-in or the beach, most likely, they were at summer camp.

What was the most exciting thing to happen in Greencastle, Indiana this summer?

The MHS cheerleaders spent four days at DePauw University attending summer camp. They received a superior rating every night.

What was more fun than watching Monday night football?

Attending summer camp with the MHS football team in Franklin, Indiana.

Steve Mundell, junior, commented, "We had to practice five

times a day."

Bill Brice, junior, added, "The hardest part was the running."

The MHS gymnasts also attended training in Greencastle, Indiana for eight days.

Edie Phillips, sophomore, said, "The most exciting event was meeting one of the USA's top gymnast, Brian Babcock."

While these students were conditioning their bodies, Stacy Lawrence, senior, was conditioning her mind in France. Lawrence had the honor to study overseas.

Lawrence commented, "I learned a lot from this trip, and compared to anything, this experience was tops!"

Julie Metcalf

What's up?

'I love my sunglasses'

Hot or cold, the sun shined all year around at MHS.

Students were found anywhere at anytime, wearing their sunglasses.

Liz Martinez, senior, commented, "I wear my sunglasses when I'm inside or outside, because they are in the thing to wear."

There were various reasons why sunglasses rested on the noses of students.

"Sunglasses reflect the sun from my eyes. Also, they are cool," said Rich Paige, sophomore.

Purchasing sunglasses seemed difficult for MHS students. They tried to find the ones that looked best on them.

Kathi Crowder, senior, ex-

plained, "I went to four different stores before I found my orange speckled sunglasses."

Several students found that a certain pair of sunglasses revealed their personalities.

Vera Todoravich, junior, commented, "My yellow sunglasses reflect the sunny, bright, stylish me."

Many students bought "shades" to resemble their favorite rock stars or actors.

Rich Day, junior, said, "I bought my sunglasses when the Tom Cruise fad was in, the all black, mirrored type."

MHS students said that sunglasses will remain part of their wardrobes for many years.

Sherry Guernsey

It's finally here, the last day of school. Some students thought it would never come. Many MHS students could hardly wait to sleep in every morning and just relax all day.

For a lot of students that's not the case, they have to find summer jobs.

Mark Riese, senior, stated, "I'm looking for a summer job, so

won't."

"The reason I got a job is so I can buy things to fix up my car," said Greg Lohse, junior.

But, some students hated to even think about getting a summer job because it would take up their whole summer.

Rich Day, junior, commented, "I do not want to even think about getting a summer job."

Summer means work, work

I can help pay for my college tuition."

Eric Miner, senior, added, "I got a summer job, so I could have some spending money at college."

However, not all students get jobs just for college purposes. Some MHS underclassmen get jobs for their own pleasure.

Wendy Eaton, junior, said, "I'm getting a summer job, so I can buy the things my mom

However, Jim Bittner, senior, added, "Working during the summer isn't bad. You still have time to go out and then also have spending money."

Michelle Sposato, junior, concluded, "I'm getting a summer job, so I can get my own car."

Chrissy Figueroa

Sailing on the great blue ocean is one of the famous ocean liners. Summer cruises are popular vacation spots for many students and their families.





WHAT'S WHAT?

ACADEMICS.

Let's not kid ourselves, like it or not, that's why we all were here. We all knew that our grades would make us or break us.

"I know that I need good grades to get into college," said Angie Donahue, senior.

For a lucky few, studying was nothing more than skimming the chapter five minutes before the test was handed out. But for the rest of us, it wasn't that easy.

"I try to push myself to study, but I never do a very good job of it," stated George Mohoi, senior.

When the going got tough, we each had different ways of pulling ourselves together and reaching our goals.

"Seeing others less intelligent than myself getting good grades makes me strive to beat their grades and still remain on top of things," confided Milan Iglendza, senior.

"The encouragement I give myself is the need to feel better about myself," explained Kristin Wojkovich, senior.

And if you felt the need to really challenge yourself, the Academic Decathlon team was open to almost all students.

"I have gained much knowledge in many areas which have helped me with my schoolwork and I feel will benefit me in college," replied Geoff Chidsey, senior.

So whether you were struggling through Algebra One or acing A.P. Physics, you had the opportunity to learn. The books, your fellow students and, of course, the teachers all played a part.

But once the classes had quieted down and the tests were handed out, what was what?

Studying an unknown organism under her microscope, Helen Lalios, junior, records some information for her biology lab. The biology students learned how to incorporate each step of the resource process into their labs.

Realizing that his answer in the Academic Decathlon Super Quiz is incorrect, Geoff Chidsey, senior, tries to regain his concentration. Once again, MHS's Decathlon team won major contests.



What's up

"It was an honor to be on the Academic Decathlon team. It was a challenge for me to excel as I competed."

— Geoff Chidsey,
Senior

Academic Decathlon — Front Row:

Jerry Miller, Steve Piasczyny, James
Rey, Geoff Chidsey, John Drake, **Back**

Row: Jim Edgcomb, sponsor, Mark
Runholt, Dave Hrabrich, George
Angelov, Dave Maddack, Linda Davis,
sponsor.



Electives provide 'something for everybody'

A great number of students have enrolled in elective courses, non-academic classes, such as Quest, teacher assisting and study hall for a free hour to do homework and study.

Many teachers label these courses as unimportant, a waste of students' academic time. But, for various reasons, these classes are very beneficial to students' academic grades.

Study hall, the most popular of these classes, has an average of 45 students in every hour. Students took this class for many different reasons.

Margaret Leposky, study hall

monitor, explained, "Many students took this class if they had a lot of hard academic courses or an after school job, leaving them with little time to do their homework."

Bess Ferentinos, senior, stated, "Study hall gives me a chance to study for tests and get caught up on my homework. After school there is little time for that!"

Mrs. Leposky added, "I'm really pleased that most of the students take full advantage of this time to do school work."

Quest, another elective course, is a discussion course that helps

students gain a better understanding of their lives and the people around them.

Kim Horst, senior, commented, "I gained a better understanding of life through Quest. Although it is not an academic course, students can learn many things that will help them through life."

Teacher assisting, another form of an elective class, gives students an amount of study time, plus the chance to assist teachers in duties such as grading papers and running errands.

However, there are those students who do not really need to take an elective class, but take

one to waste an hour of the school day.

Shirley Matysiak, counselor, stated, "I recommend these classes to the students based on their individual needs. Some students really need these classes while others don't."

All in all, these classes are good for those students who really need them and take full advantage of their benefits. They should not be abused by students who just want to waste time.

Linda Elsner

The pressure was on, and MHS students did whatever it took to succeed.

Many factors have always measured the ability to succeed. Tests, quizzes, notetaking and class participation were just a few of these factors.

"I can study for hours and hours, but unless I participate in class I get completely lost on a test," commented James Dimitri,

However important grades may have become, extracurricular activities also played a major role.

"Success in the classroom doesn't necessarily insure success in life," added Leanne Bell, senior.

Bell, like many other students, felt that a successful person is a well-rounded person; one who could not only receive good

Grades create excess pressure

junior.

Success was influenced by the student's ability to prepare for tests. At this important time, many students were often found riding the fine line between studying and cramming.

"The best way for me to study is to have a friend over and go over notes together," said Bob Winovich, sophomore.

grades, but also be involved in extracurricular activities.

Over the year many students joined clubs, played on teams, attended dances and became MHS fans.

Success was important, but not as important as the struggle to reach it.

Carl Jimenez

5 seniors 'commended'

They spent all their free time at the library, didn't they? *The Encyclopedia Britannica* was their favorite book, wasn't it?

Contrary to belief, the five seniors that were named "commended students" by the National Merit Scholarship Program had a different story to tell.

John Allen, George Angelov, Leanne Bell, Jon Otterbacher and Lisa Tidwell, seniors, scored 179 or higher on their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

Staying up late studying and putting in extra hours at the library were not how the "commended students" prepared for the test.

John Allen, senior, explained, "I looked over the sample test in the Student Bulletin my counselor gave me. I think the knowledge that is needed for the test is gained throughout the high school years."

The PSAT/NMQST is a test taken in the fall of the junior year. It is not an achievement test, but a future that helps students plan for a career.

Sherman Lewis, guidance director, said, "Although the 'com-

mended students' were not awarded a scholarship, the fact that they were named could boost their chances for getting one!"

In addition, Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, stated, "These seniors will receive a 'Letter of Commendation' for placing in the top five percent of over one million students that took the PSAT."

Leanne Bell, senior, added, "I hope being named a 'commended student' will help me get accepted into Purdue's engineering program."

As expected, many of the students that were named agreed that taking the PSAT helped them in preparing for the SAT.

Lisa Tidwell, senior, commented, "The PSAT/NMQST gave me practice on the types of questions that were on the SAT."

These "commended students" were recognized as good examples for other students who have plans for college. It goes to show that these students are not brains but individual high achievers. The "commended students" at MHS weren't bookworms, they just knew how to achieve their goals.

— Amy Stooksbury

What's a perfect student?

"The lack of procrastination, a super sense of humor and a six foot five inch football player or a 450 softball batter," said **Robert Bergeson**, business teacher.

"Someone who wants to learn" said **Irene Spiro**, foreign language teacher.

"A student that is friendly, courteous, willing to accept responsibility and willing to participate in class," said **Diane Mandon**, social studies teacher.

"Somebody that is attentive, inquisitive, hard working and interested in the personal intellectual outcome more so than grades," said **Jerry Bratcher**, science teacher.

"One who uses his education to

achieve his own best self-interest," said **Lyle Stoelting**, psychology teacher.

"Someone who works up to their ability as a student. Also, one who is attentive, punctual, cooperative, and expresses an interest in the subject matter," said **Jim East**, social studies teacher.

"A well-rounded individual not just academically but in extracurricular activities. Also, one that shows respect to everyone," said **Dan Molchan**, physical education teacher.

"One that works hard in the classroom, enjoys coming to school and extra-curricular activities," said **Tom Herbert**, assistant principal.



Zeavada

Intensely looking on, Geoff Chidsey, senior, concentrates on the questions during the Academic

Decathlon competition. The Merrillville team went on to win first place at the district level.

HUMANITIES



Variety creates 'something for everyone'

From Psychology to Basic Composition, humanities were the social studies and English courses offered to students.

Many of these courses were required, while there was a large number of elective courses offered to students.

Required or elective, students took many of these courses to help prepare them for college, a special interest, or to learn skills that will help them prepare for adulthood.

Psychology was a very popular elective course in the social studies department. Lyle Stoelting, a new teacher at MHS, taught the class. He hoped for his students to gain a better understanding of themselves, a sympathy toward others and a familiarity with psychological topics through this class.

Mr. Stoelting replied, "When I teach students, I definitely do use different forms of conditioning and other experimental methods to show, first hand, how psychology is applied."

One class summed up psychology as being "interesting, people oriented, useful as a life

skill and helped to understand oneself."

The social studies requirement for juniors was U.S. History. This course covered how the nation was born, the history of the political governmental and the industrial growth of our country to the present.

Mike Kowal, junior, commented, "I think history gave us the knowledge of how our country developed, so we can understand better where we are now and why."

Seniors took government and economics; courses that "take off" from the background they gained in history as juniors.

Seniors choose from the two economic courses offered, Consumer Economics and Economic Theory. Consumer gave students the basic knowledge about the economy, while theory was more of an in-depth study of the theory of microeconomics and macroeconomics, along with the basic

knowledge gained in consumer. Theory was recommended for all college bound students.

Government, the other social studies requirement for seniors, focused on how the U.S. government system was formed and how it operates.

Students studied the national, state and local government systems and the constitution and the rights of citizens. Current events

that were in the headlines, such as the Libyan crisis and the space shuttle catastrophe, were discussed and analyzed in class.

Students also gained first-hand knowledge of how bills were passed by holding a mock congress. Students had topics they had to research and present, while the class voted on whether or not the bills would be passed.

Kim Horst, senior, commented,



Looking over history notes, Sheri Steptock, junior, studies for an upcoming test. All juniors took a full year of U.S. History.



Shaw



Newspaper — **Front Row:** Marge Gankos, Dáire Jurewski, Debbie Ganka, Suelle Lex. **Second Row:** Tim Sullivan, Bryan McKay, Krista Lewin, Karen Pearson.

Carolyn Zygmunt. **Back Row:** John Kark, DeAnna McPherson, Bill Wilson, Tracy Wikse, Melissa Tesanovich.



Yearbook — **Front Row:** Karen Dudak, Chrissy Figueroa, Julie Metcalf, Sherry Guernsey, Jeanne Kierzkowski, Carl Jimeraz. **Second Row:** Candy Rathen, Kathleen Jennings, Pam Kosaris, Lon

Spradley, Tina Carrigan, Linda Eisner, Tracy Schneider. **Back Row:** Brent Isenberg, Andrew Constantinos, Amy Stooksbury, Adrienne Wramontes, Kris Zimnawoda, Kathleen Sinar, Eric Ban.

Giving a speech, Lee Musser, senior, explains a current government issue to the class. Current issues were often discussed in government.

continue Humanities

"If we didn't have required courses, everyone would just take slack-off courses, and no one would learn anything to prepare them for college or life."

English was an area that had a huge number of elective courses, a selection in which almost every student found a class of interest to him.

There were many college bound courses, such as advanced composition and vocabulary, to help students prepare for the tough workload that would

await them in college.

Speech was one of these courses, which was taken by a great number of college bound students.

Throughout the course, students learned to organize preparation, research the subject and to properly deliver speeches.

There was a number of different types of speeches presented by the class, such as demonstration speeches, where some of the students traveled to the gym to demonstrate how to play basketball, or to the pool for a diving presentation.

Joe Morrow, speech teacher, commented, "I feel students gain the ability to organize their thoughts and ideas and present them logically to an audience."

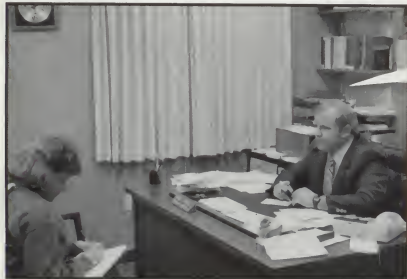
The media had a profound effect on our lives, such as the products people bought and the opinions they formed. A nine week elective course, Media Impact, was offered to students. Students were able to study and explore various areas of the media, such as the newspaper, television, radio and magazine and to discover what kind of an "impact" they had on the conscious

and subconscious mind.

Students did a number of different activities, such as oral and written reports on different aspects of the media; creating their own advertisements and a mock trial that charged television with "crimes".

Students became lawyers and jury, evidence was presented, and a verdict was reached.

The prerequisite for these English elective courses was survey of Literature and Intermediate Composition. These courses were required and usually taken by students as sophomores. Stu-



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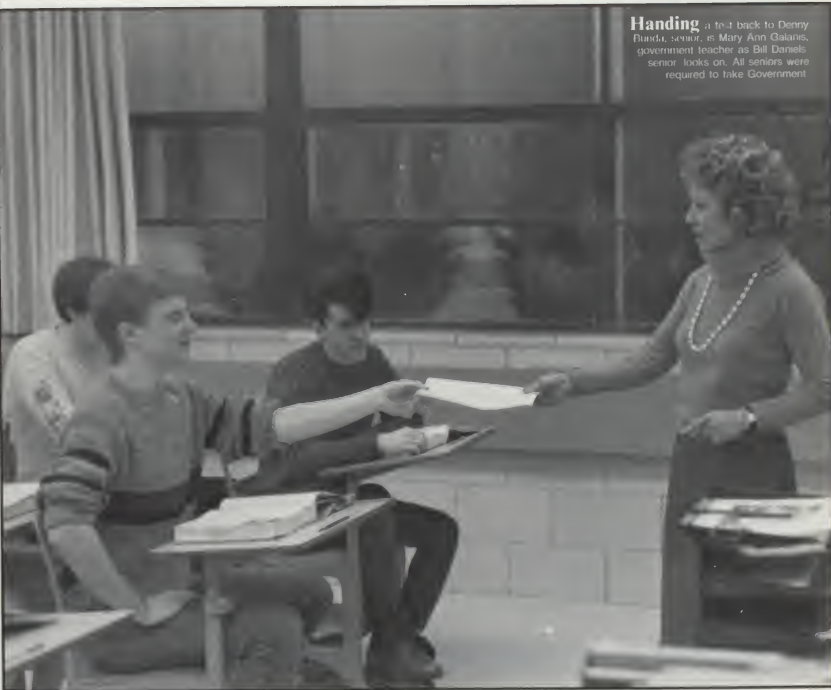
Taking notes in an interview, Margie Gianikos, senior, and Frank O'Shay, Dean of Students, discuss issues that would appear in the *Mirror*. Margie was the editor of the *Mirror*, during the second semester.

Looking over a composition, Dorothy Thompson, English teacher, gives Susan Galoozis, sophomore advice. Many students took Intermediate Composition, a requirement, as a sophomore.



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Handing a test back to Denny Bunda, senior, as Mary Ann Galanis, government teacher as Bill Daniels senior looks on. All seniors were required to take Government



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Studying

from an English literature book, Kim Albain, senior, and Lisa Linder, senior, take notes. Chosen for graduation, Kim had many options.



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dents that needed more of the basic fundamentals of these classes enrolled in Basic Composition and Introduction to Literature.

The two requirements gave students a solid foundation in writing and grammar that would be needed for elective courses or for college preparation.

Dawn Maloney, sophomore, commented, "I learned writing skills and proper grammar that

will assist me in such tasks as applying for a job."

Some students interested in writing took Creative Writing or Journalism. Journalism was a semester course for students who wanted to improve writing skills, gain responsibility and learn how journalism originated.

The first nine weeks dealt with the history of journalism, interviewing and ethics. The second nine weeks students applied this knowledge to writing.

All students kept a daily led-

ger; a notebook in which class notes, assignments and ideas were kept. This helped students gain organization and responsibility because they received a grade on this notebook.

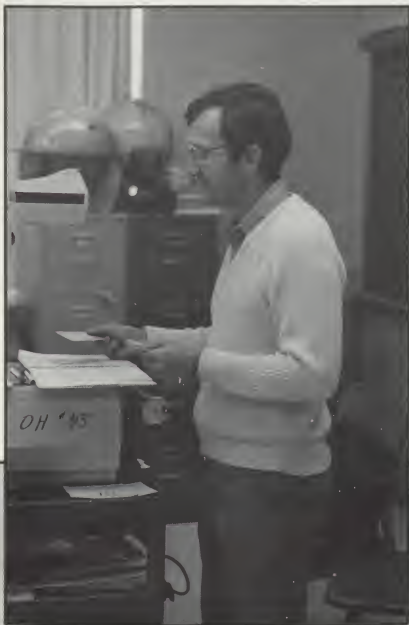
Students discussed current events, saw movies and received the **Chicago Tribune**.

This course was practical for everyday life or a preparation class for students interested in going into publications. It was also a prerequisite for newspaper and yearbook, MHS's two publi-

cations.

The humanities courses offered to students covered many areas. There were classes for the practical student trying to gain skills for life, and many classes, catered to individual interest.

Linda Elsner



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Creative Arts Club — Front Row: Dave Yonker, Sandy Munn, Josett Demerata, Linda Christoff, sponsor Back Row: Chris

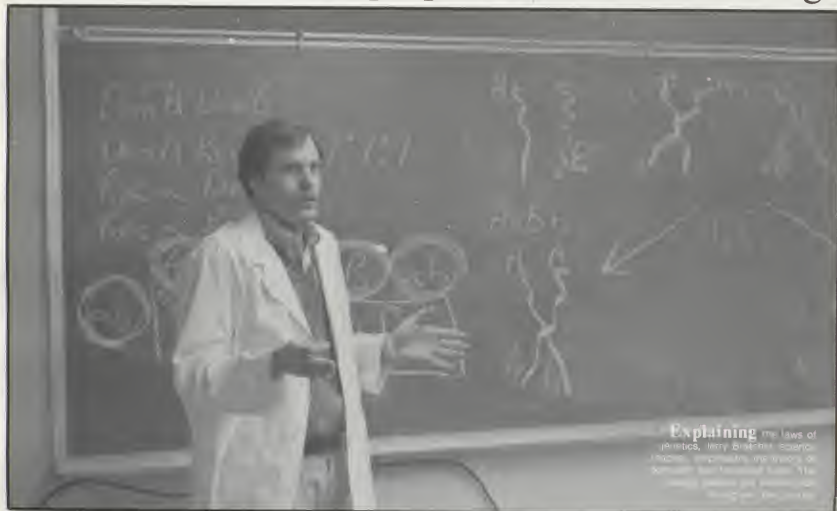
Paine, Jerry Shultz, Laura Lecourte, Barb Hippie.

Checking over attendance cards in his first period class is Lyle Stoelting, psychology teacher. This is Mr. Stoelting's first year teaching at MHS.

SCIENCE



Advanced courses prepare students for college



Explaining the laws of genetics, Jerry Brunner, Esquire, explains the science of heredity and the role of chromosomes in determining human traits.

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The definition of a brain: 1. the gray and white tissue inside the skull of a person, or 2. a student who takes physics, calculus, computer programming fortran, and receives A's in all these classes.

Most people think that brains are students that are born smart. On the contrary, students that take advanced courses do so because they have a strong desire

to learn, and they want to prepare for college.

Science classes allowed students not only to experience the textbook-side of learning but also to take part in the subjects.

Joe Sutka, senior, said, "Doing the *Drosophila melanogaster* lab in Advanced Biology was interesting because it was a change of pace from the everyday lecture."

Not only did these classes require a lot of extra homework but also a lot of comprehension. Students were challenged to understand the ideas that were applied in science.

Donna Zaikos, senior, explained, "Physics class takes your background in math, the concepts you learned from the labs to help you understand the ideas so that they can be applied

to what you learned in solving the problems in the book and on the tests."

For the next few graduating classes, one year of science is required. In the future, 1989, science will be required two years.

Competition in high school and college is the main reason for this change. In college, it is felt that one's knowledge in science is very important.



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Talking about chemical breakdowns, Jack Neuliep, science teacher, addresses the class. Mr. Neuliep taught Basic Biology and Earth Science.

Listening attentively, Joe Nash, junior, tries to comprehend Tom Feeney's lecture. Several different advanced math classes were available to students who wanted or needed them for college.

Completing her chemistry experiment, Amy Roberts, junior, is careful to get precise measurements. Many students found Chemistry 3 and 4 necessary to prepare for college.

Paying close attention during class, Dave Maddock, junior, follows along in the steps to perfect a program. Computer classes were taken for background in a career of computers or business.



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Beth Weger, senior, commented, "I feel like I'm gaining something worthwhile in Physics. The class required written work and a lot of mental work." "Although it was hard, I thought it was interesting. I plan to major in nursing at Purdue. This is a science-related field and I know Physics will help me get ahead," she added.

Many students agreed that courses caused nothing but headaches. Memorization of equations, formulas, and proofs was required.

Mary Jolevski, senior, said, "Sometimes I felt like giving up on Trig when my friends went out on school nights, and I had to stay home and study. But, I knew all of my hard work paid off when I received a good grade on a difficult test."

Also, math had many useful advantages, including learning the basic knowledge of how to use a calculator and how to have better study habits.

Lisa Petroff, senior, said, "I took Calculus because I thought

it would prepare me for college. It's a very competitive course, and I know that having this valuable background will be beneficial at college. I'll be a step ahead of the other students who didn't have this class."

Due to the increased demand for computer knowledge, many students enrolled in computer classes.

For students that were interested in computers, basic programming gave them an introduction into the logic and structure of



Explaining a problem from the book, Tom Feeney, math teacher, helps out Mary Kozilewski, senior. Kozilewski was enrolled in Geometry 1 and 2.

Demonstrating a problem on the board, Max Hutchison, math teacher, stresses a point to one of his Analytic Geometry classes. Mr. Hutchison taught Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, and Calculus.

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program development. Business oriented students could enhance their knowledge of computers, by taking advanced language courses, such as Cobol, Fortran and Pascal.

John Marson, senior, explained, "In the advanced computer classes, you strengthened your ability of programming. It's based mostly on your creativity, not something you memorize from a book. You are tested by the programs that you design.

It's great when a program works out since you strained your brain working on it."

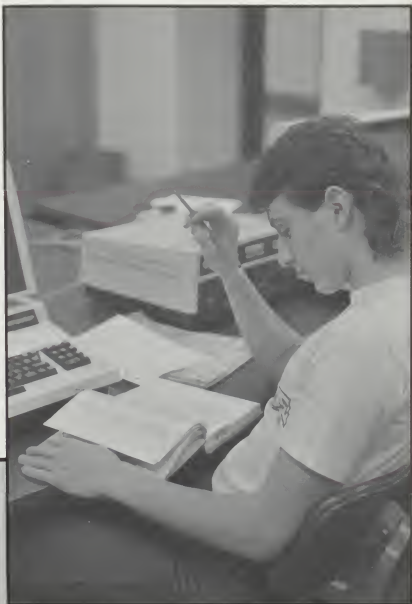
The purpose of an education is to prepare a student for the future. Whether it's a college or a manual job, students gained knowledge, discipline and a sense of accomplishment by passing these courses that will eventually benefit them in their future endeavors.

Amy Stooksbury



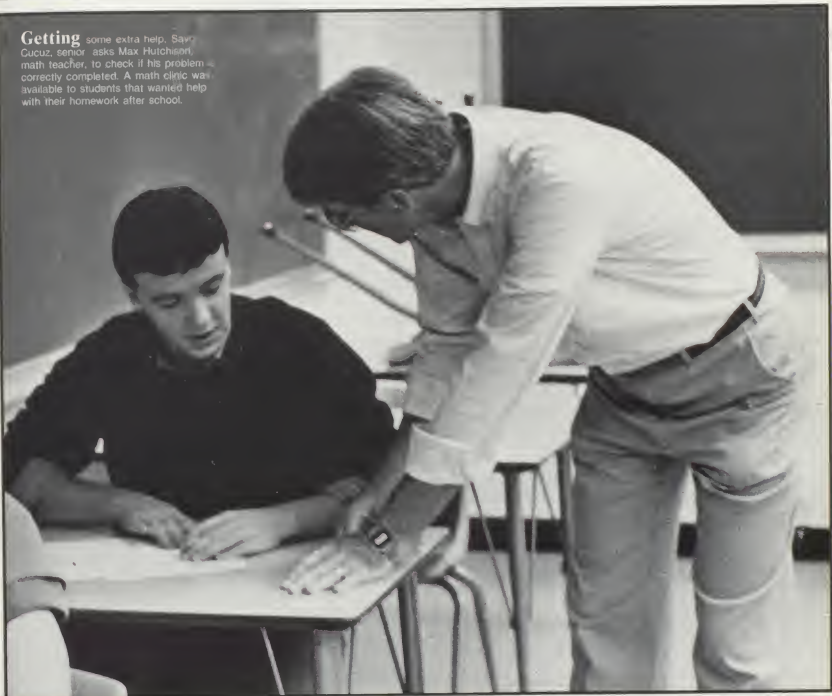
Prepared for Algebra 3 and 4, Colleen McDermitt, junior, keeps a pencil handy to jot down any notes. Many students found it necessary and helpful to take good notes.

Reading his book, Mark Demakas, sophomore, concentrates hard to understand the instructions. Computer classes enhanced students awareness of computer logic.



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Getting some extra help, Savvy Cucuz, senior, asks Max Hutchison, math teacher, to check if his problem is correctly completed. A math clinic was available to students that wanted help with their homework after school.



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FINE ARTS



Talent, dedication strengthen programs

Students at MHS displayed their talent, creativity and dedication in Fine Arts classes.

The choir practiced for many hours to prepare for the concerts that were performed throughout the school year.

Angie Garcia, junior, commented, "We had after school practices for hours before a concert."

Jerauld Reinhart, director,

coached the singers with vocal warm-ups, posture, poise and constructive criticism.

Choir became a way of life for students that wanted to express their love of music through their ability to sing.

Students had to be recommended or audition with a solo to be accepted into the choir. Choir auditions were open to all students.

The concert choir is mixed, made up of sophomore boys, juniors and senior girls.

Choir develops vocal technique, musicianship, appreciation of music, good performance practices and organizational teamwork.

Vocalists demonstrated their vocal abilities in the Christmas and spring concerts. They also participated in guest appear-

ances for outside organizations.

For more music orientated students, the Vocalteens were one of the choir classes available.

The Vocalteens is a specialized performing group selected by audition only. Vocalteens performed often for civic, social, and church organizations.

Carol Gruber, senior, said, "The contests were held at Crown Point High School. I had a



Singing an assemblage of Christmas melodies, the concert choir gets into the spirit of the season. "Seasons Greeting" was the theme.

Creating spirit-motivating music at half-time, Rhonda Fry and Jennifer Purdie, sophomores, play in unison.





Borden



Girls Glee — **Front Row:** Kris Casic, Amy Erdiles, Eva Pena, Stacy Curtin, Becky Stewart, Denise Vasquez, Jody Tonib, Carol Diller. **Second Row:** Krista Lewin, Kathy Podgarski, Kayoko Kumi, Melinda

Napalowski, Dane Hudnall, Debbie Conn, Kaefer, Leslie Elch, Deanne Harrigan, Lisa Wood, Sybiana Sully, Patty Zolanz



Concert Choir — **Front Row:** Shirley Price, Tina Bryant, Francine Harper, Kim Williams, Tracy Goodman, Kelly Huddleston, Teresa Ovin, R.D. Pargart, Bob McDougal, Pat Richards, Mike Lohse, Bob Wright, Kathy Krausk, Carmen Gallegos, Mia Bronzwell, Adrienne Vismanties, Kathy Sankin, Kathy Lynn. **Second Row:** Lee Navarro, Chris Carlson, Lee Sprott, Theresa Rose, Kathy

Murphy, Sue Moore, Josie Cammarata, Sheri Shiptock, Carol Manno, Dale LaMore, Angie Garcia. **Back Row:** Tahmy Erdiles, Julie Zerleach, Sheri Fralley, Barb Parks, Bill Traska, Jeff Cato, Kevin Peterson, Jeff Brown, Jared Piddle, Stephanie Solis, Sue Huddleston, Laura LeCompte, Amy Best, Carol Gruber.

Painting with water colors, Chris Cunningham, senior, concentrates on her art project. Water colors take a great deal of skill to control.

Marching diligently, the band and the pom pom squad. They were both an exciting portion in this year's Homecoming Parade.



Zawada



Showing off a painting design called surrealism, Dr. Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, and Mike McCroskey, junior, enjoy the fine arts. Dr. Lewis gave a lecture to Margare Stiles' English class about looking at paintings.

Throwing a lathe on the wheel, Kelly Elston, sophomore, shows the proper technique. Basic art was required before all elective art classes could be taken.



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fun time performing in front of the audience."

Bob McGuckin, senior, added, "It was exciting not only to perform, but also to see all the other high school choirs perform."

Also, the vocalteens participated in the district and state solo and ensemble contests.

Back in class, the choirs worked very hard to perfect their vocal techniques and performances.

Another musical class available to students was orchestra. The orchestra performed in concerts, community and school functions during the school year.

Opportunities were also offered in the All-State Orchestra, Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony and District and State

Contests.

Tamara Levenson, junior, said, "Orchestra has really helped improve my ability to play the violin."

Performing at both in and out of school concerts, band offers a variety of musical experiences which include marching band, solo and ensemble activity, jazz band, flag corps and symphonic band.

Tracy Koenig, senior, said, "Doing flags was fun because all of us were so close."

The high school band met daily in regular rehearsals during the school year. The schedule for band members included competing in several of the state music contests as well as sending students to the All-State Band.



Photo Staff — Front Row: Chuck Tipton, Rob Baranowski, Bob Nickolic. Back Row: Kris Reynolds, Ron Borden, Paul Zawada



Flag Corps — Front Row: Lisa Spoonel, Mary Arena, Sue Winovich. Back Row: Becky Drennan, Tracy Koenig, Lynn Drennan, Pam Leply.



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Practicing first hour everyday are the Velveteens. Director Jerauld Reinhart goes over the part with the girls.

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The band was constantly learning, rehearsing and refining programs to improve their sound.

Many band members have received music scholarships to colleges, and many more scholarships are made available each year.

The pep band was a volunteer band that encouraged school spirit with the crowds at basketball and football games. The band provided the spark by playing the MHS fight song that ignited student involvement.

All students that were enrolled in band, orchestra or choir were required to attend all practices and public performances.

The art department offered students many opportunities to discover their potential as individuals in creating works of value

with their hands.

Art classes helped students learn skills that they may use for their own personal enjoyment or as preparation for art as a career. The classes ranged from painting to photography.

Most elective courses require that students take Basic Art 1 and 2 before they continue in the art program.

Michelle Traber, senior, commented, "Basic art was a lot of fun because we didn't have the regular classroom atmosphere."

Amy Stooksbury

Concentrating on their sheet music, Mark Dustman and Dave Maddock, juniors, practice to get the correct melody. To present their concerts, the band put in endless hours of practice.



Zawada



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Band — **Front Row:** L. Drennan, P. Lepely, J. Goff, A. Bui, L. Spindel, S. Meyer, J. Purdie, R. Fry. **Second Row:** E. Yerga, J. Horwell, C. Villar, L. Rodgers, A. Roberts, K. Kostyl, M. Ametstern, A. Eiler, P. Singer, C. Vana, R. Arena. **Third Row:** M. Kleivickas, D. Sullivan, G. Doherty, M. Cypriani, B. Dietman, A. Donahue, K. Kostyl, C. Jandura, S. Winnoch, S. Schilling, K. Bakker, C. Smith, J. Stevenson.

D. Cortez, M. Ramos. **Fourth Row:** P. Gill, B. Zart, S. Renter, J. Cox, J. Yerga, J. Neff, R. Guerrero, M. Arena, C. Parsons, A. Luttinen, D. Maddack, L. Walsh, D. Mous, K. Lockridge, D. Magry, M. Kozelski. **Back Row:** B. Leply, R. Montgomery, T. McCoy, B. Wilkinson, J. Lee, L. Gogole, M. Runholt, S. Otrifach, M. Desman, L. Musser, W. Mcbrayer, T. Koenig, D. Bachlor, B. Satin, K. Krutzen, S. Rader.



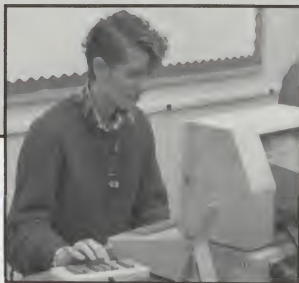
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Porter, M. Kozak. **Back Row:** S. Freeman, J. Biese, M. Stefanovich, T. Zarach, J. Starovoy, K. Freeman, C. Erdtman.

Working eagerly, Vince Vitalone, sophomore, finishes off the edges of his project. Vitalone is enrolled in ceramics in the art department.

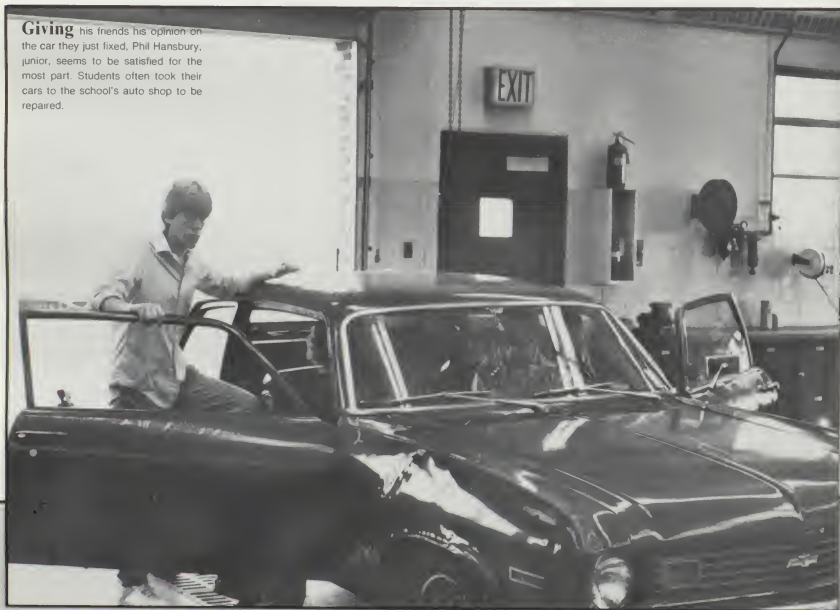
Displaying their talent, the Flag Corps march around the track at a game. The squad was present at the opening ceremonies of every home football game.

VOCATIONS



Getting ahead by learning a skill

Giving his friends his opinion on the car they just fixed, Phil Hanebury, junior, seems to be satisfied for the most part. Students often took their cars to the school's auto shop to be repaired.



Barendse

Not all MHS students plan to attend college after they graduate from high school. These students plan to attend a vocational school or get a job. A vocational school is for skilled training.

Scott Henderson, junior, who attends the Gary Career Center, commented, "I'm glad I had a chance to go to the career center because now I have on the job training in the field I want to get

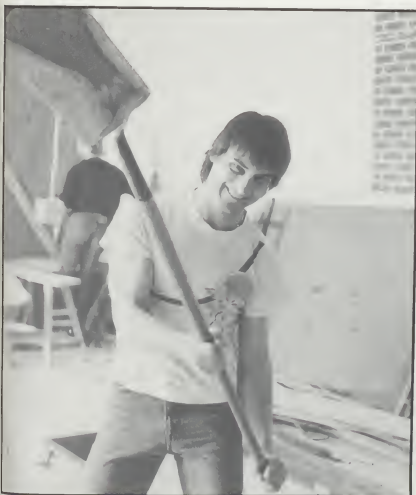
into which is computer technology."

The Gary Career Center offers numerous courses for students who are interested in particular vocational careers. These courses are intended to be just like the job. Some of the courses the center offers include: auto mechanics, drafting, cosmetology, computer technology, radio communications, nursing, horti-

culture, and health occupations.

Theresa Rose, junior, who is studying health occupations, said, "I have learned a lot about my health and how to take care of myself."

Students who go to the Gary Career Center attend classes for three hours in the morning or three hours in the afternoon. The courses are offered to any junior or senior.



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Future Homemakers of America —
Front Row: Eva Pena, Francine Halper,
Kim Collins, Ann Kovak, Debbie Ison
Second Row: Becky Ramos, Dawn Arley,

Kathy Howard, Carol VonBehren, sponsor.
Back Row: Wendy Smith, Tom Vasic,
Dense Berger

Having a good time is Dave Fabian, junior, who helps add on an addition to the MHS weight room. Fabian is enrolled in Building Trades.

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Chris Arvelo, junior, a Career Center student, said, "Going to the Career Center is like going to work after school."

MHS also offers an industrial arts program. Some of the classes MHS offers are: auto mechanics, drafting, plastics and technical drawing.

Mike Gavelak, junior, said, "I

learned a lot in plastics shop. There are a lot of different things a person can make with plastic."

Technical Drawing is a course recommended for the students who are interested in engineering.

Ted Piggott, sophomore, said, "I took technical drawing to better prepare myself for the career I

want to get into."

Tony Aznar, sophomore, added, "Technical Drawing gives me a break in between some of

Measuring voltage on a cross lamp, Mike Dinatale, senior, uses his knowledge of basic electronics. As a student in Electronics 3 and 4, Dinatale learned skills that will be useful later on in life.



Future Teachers of America — Front Row: Jerry Schuttz, Heidi Yonker, Dawn Arley, Pat McCoy. **Second Row:** Carole Teeter, sponsor, Melissa Gearhart, Colleen

McDermott, Chris Carlson, Mike Rothecker. **Back Row:** Tony Beckert, Denise Burger, Dave Scott, Chris Piane



Nickie



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Necksc

Proofreading her report in Keyboarding 1 and 2. Karen Kruzan, sophomore, checks for errors. This was the first year that keyboarding, a substitute for typing, was offered.

Using the skills that he learned in electronics, Bob McGuckin, senior, fixes an electric socket. In the electronics class, basic electronic skills were practiced everyday.



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my tougher classes."

Auto shop is a course recommended for the student who is interested in pursuing a career in mechanics or who just wants to getting a job but also for any future use.

Vern Krutz, senior, added, "I take business classes because I think they could be helpful in college."

The business department also offers a Cooperative Office Education program. Students in COE not only get an education but also learn a trade.

Janet Stewart, senior, said, "COE is a good choice for the person who wants to get an office job after graduation."

Chrissy Figueroa



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Office Education Association — Front

Row: Diana Randhan, Tracy Smolar, Mia Brownwell, Katherine Canina, Liz Varela

Second Row: Judy LeDuc, sponsor, Janet

Stewart, Stacy Mecchia, Nomiku Zambitas,

Theresa Hunt. **Back Row:** Tina Gomez, Mona Keeki, Barb Parks, Karen Seiberger, Lisa Turnpseed.

Concentrating as she decorates her cake is Tina Capua, senior. Capua is enrolled in the 2-hour cake decorating class.

L LANGUAGE S



Students break the language barrier

The scene: A kitchen in the MHS Home Ec. Department. What was being made? Not cake or pot roast. Crêpes.

And what was the students saying? It would be hard to figure out if you hadn't taken at least a year of French.

Parties such as this were opportunities for the French students to experience French culture as well as speak the language.

Foreign language teachers used different techniques to teach students at each level.

Liz Martinez, senior, explained, "In first year Spanish, we mainly worked on memorizing the meaning of words and then we were quizzed on them."

During the second year, more vocabulary and speaking skills were emphasized. The classes used the headsets to further these comprehension skills.

Michelle Sikula, senior, said, "It really helped me understand how French people talked. Also, I learned how to imitate their way of speaking by listening to the tapes on the headset."

Third year students used the

Pathescope Berlitz filmstrips and records.

Lisa Olejnik, senior, said, "At first, the movies were hard to comprehend, but after the teacher explained some of the difficult words, I got the hang of it."

Each fourth year language course teaches the students about the history and the different cultures of each language. The teachers accomplished this by doing class projects, skits and games.

Ana Dobrijevic, senior, said, "It's really interesting finding out how people dress, what they eat, what type of music they listen to and the type of government people in France have."

With the stiff competition for college entrance and jobs, taking a foreign language is a big plus for students.

Shirley Matysiak, guidance counselor, added, "Many col-

Focusing their attention on Mary Jefferies, foreign language teacher, the Spanish class pays special attention to Mrs. Jefferies' pronunciation. Most students find it easier to learn a language by listening to others speak.



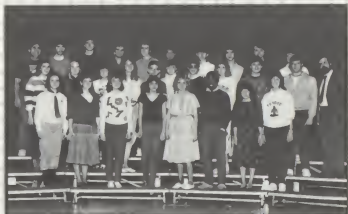
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Enjoying crêpes and chocolate mousse at the Fourth Year French Culture Day, Michelle Sikula and Lisa Olejnik, seniors, indulge in some French

cuisine. Culture days were held so that the students could experience the traditions of the country whose language they studied.



German Club — **Front Row:** Sonia Trajkovski, Jill Storer, Jelena Stellanovich, Nancy Loscano, Alvin Fernandez, Shirley Price, Lynn Drennan. **Second Row:** Mary Naumoski, Kathy Ford, Caroline Marosevich, Suee Bills, Branko Samen, Bob Whittaker.

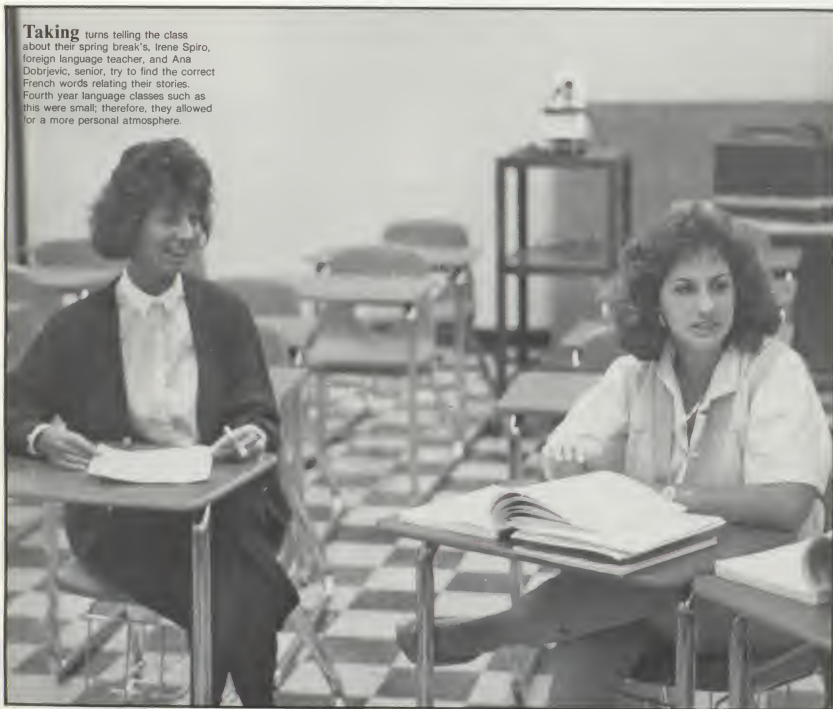
Chris Kuris, Leslie Osoba, Ricky Velovskit, Bill Lorentz, Ray Hamilton, sponsor. **Back Row:** Vuka Potamians, George Angelov, Scott Otterbacher, Jeff Morris, Chris Locke, Mike Mallory, Jeff Kennedy, Jerry Miller, Tony Velovski.



French Club — **Front Row:** Lisa Olejnik, Donna Mico, Dane Jolevski, Julie Josephovsky. **Second Row:** Lisa Bernstein, Danae Page, Kathleen Oliver, Lara Buck, Sue Bounnara, Karen Depta, Karen Pearson, Nancy Connors, Kathy Zinkovich. **Third Row:** Elizabeth Schmitt, Linda

Sheldo, Jan Povlin, Vicki D'Asto, Cathy Clements, Brenda Hippie, Cheryl Vana, Mrs. Zymnowski, Irene Spito, sponsor. **Back Row:** Rada Blac, Dane Galsenlewis, Ann Sikora, Tammy Peters, Greg Fuller, Rhonda Keeyer, Vera Todorovich, Susan Dankovich.

Taking turns telling the class about their spring break's, Irene Spiro, foreign language teacher, and Ana Dobrievic, senior, try to find the correct French words relating their stories. Fourth year language classes such as this were small; therefore, they allowed for a more personal atmosphere.



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leges require a foreign language in humanities and business. If the student takes a foreign language in high school, he or she most likely can test out of taking these courses in college." "Also, knowing a foreign language can give a person a job over someone who doesn't know a foreign language," she added.

Diane Jolevski, junior, said, "knowing French has a lot of benefits. Not only will it help me get into college, but also, I have

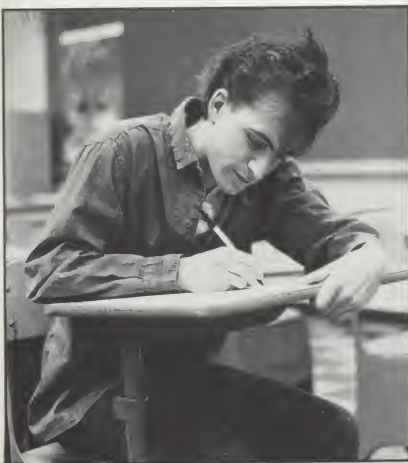
the background of another language."

Jay Pollard, senior, commented, "I took Spanish because it was an easy class."

Kathy Fedyk, senior, said, "I took Spanish because I wanted to learn another language."

Dave Scott, senior, added, "I took Spanish two years because it will help me into college, and also it looks good on a resume."

Amy Stooksbury

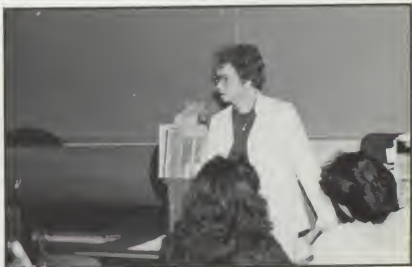


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Spanish Club — **Front Row:** Mary Jeffries, Spencer, Jai Limalusa, Jodi Shefferson, Melissa Bejarovich, Jody Yagelski, Mark Wilson. **Second Row:** Kathy Kevins, Jennifer Torma, Connie Jendura, Norwinda Jimenez, Deshae Sanders, Freida Williams, Jody Edgerton, Lori Brynn, Cindy Hiding, Sheri Machanick, Tracy Phillips. **Third Row:** Tamara Murray, Shawn

Duningham, Carmen Gargori, Karen Seiberger, Tony Altzer, Ted Pignatelli, Debbie Galpin, Gina Gross, John Nicholas, Lori Cook, Ron Mancini. **Back Row:** Charles Zimblas, Chris Taskoff, Joel Plaski, Toni Desjard, Joyce Linn, Kelly Peters, Delmy Pimentel, Tom Hitchcock, John Porcizio, John Manson, Gary Kostelnik.



Concentrating on his French paper, Pete Goad, senior, uses the complicated grammar rules that for most are the hardest part of learning a foreign language.

Relaying information to her Spanish class, Mary Jeffries, foreign language teacher, stresses the importance of accuracy in writing and speaking.

HEALTH



A relaxing hour of 'run, jump, shoot'

It had been a rough day. A geometry test in first hour, a vocabulary quiz in fourth hour, and a biology lab in fifth hour. Last hour was gym and most students were relieved to have this relaxing class to look forward to.

Mike Fraticelli, sophomore, said, "I liked gym because it was fun doing calisthenics with the girls."

On the other hand, some students did not enjoy physical education class because it proved to be exhausting.

Cindy Carlotta, junior, added, "I didn't like swimming in gym because I was tired the rest of the day and my hair fell."

One of the qualities that all students liked about physical education were the few tests that were given in this period.

Eddie Phillips, sophomore, said, "In gym we had tests every few weeks covering the knowledge we learned from each activity."

Physical Education is a requirement for graduation at MHS. It was usually taken the sophomore year. Students

learned skills and game rules that would teach them good sportsmanship.

Dan Molchan, physical education teacher, commented, "P.E. is an Indiana requirement. Gym makes students not only physically fit, but also students feel better all around. I think gym should be mandatory for four years."

The department is considering a curriculum change for the future year which will include an aerobic class. The students that wish to lose weight can choose this class instead of gym.

Working out to the aerobic instruction of video tapes, such as Jane Fonda and the 20 Minute Workout, are some of the activities done in the class.

Janie Sopczak, sophomore, said, "I've done aerobics at a health club, and it was enjoyable. Aerobics will be fun because it will be a change of pace from the regular activities we do in gym."

This type of exercise helped to strengthen the cardiovascular system and the muscles of the

body. Also, this class emphasized the importance of personal appearance and nutritional education.

Carolyn Tipton, physical education teacher, explained, "We're trying to assist overweight females in gaining self-esteem, losing weight and toning up."

There were various sports played in gym. Some of these were tennis, golf, swimming, volleyball and basketball.

Jill Manoski, sophomore, said,

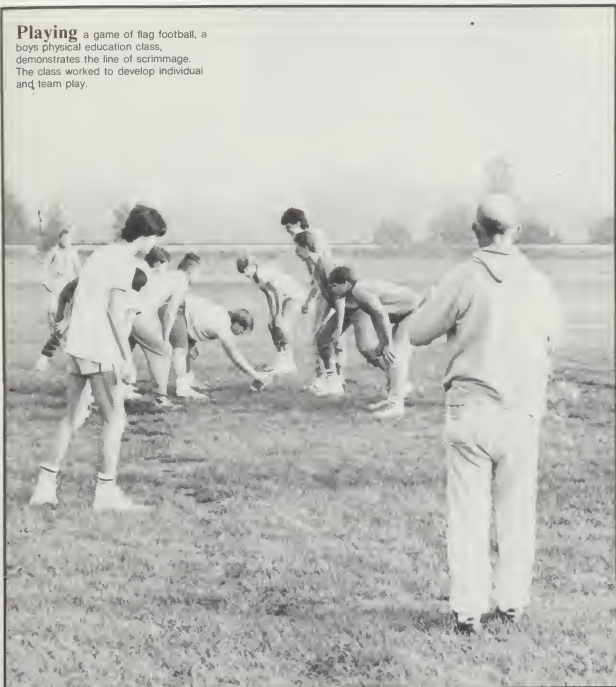
"The best thing about gym was volleyball, because it was more of a fun activity in which you could socialize with friends, rather than a class oriented period."

Amy Stooksbury

Working out with a combination of dance and exercise aerobics, Slavica Koroskoska, sophomore, concentrates on toning her muscles. Physical education is required for graduation at MHS.



Playing a game of flag football, a boys physical education class, demonstrates the line of scrimmage. The class worked to develop individual and team play.



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Dribbling the basketball, Connie Jandura, sophomore, participates in gym activities. Shooting, guarding and passing were some of the skills that were stressed during gym.

Developing her backhand, Michelle Miller, sophomore, practices her game strategies. Students learned the correct rules of table tennis during the course.

ELECTIVE S



Helping oneself, others popular choices

Elective courses were important to many.

Finding time to do homework was hard for many MHS students. Especially those who were involved in sports or who had to work after school.

Jim Bittner, senior, stated, "I don't have enough time to do homework because I'm in sports and have to work, so Study Hall helps out a lot."

Study Hall and teachers' aides

were two of the elective classes offered to students who needed time to do homework or just wanted to relax.

Students who took Study Hall did not receive credit and this was the last year students received credit for being a teacher's aide.

Although no credits were offered, these classes were still quite popular. In fact, over 300 students were aides in '86.

Susan Galoozy, sophomore, said, "Study Hall gives me a chance to do the homework I won't do at home."

Jeri Scrivnor, junior, added, "Being an aide gives me a chance to 'cut loose' and relax a little bit before my next tough class."

Quest was another elective offered to MHS students. This was a one semester course, and the students who took this class re-

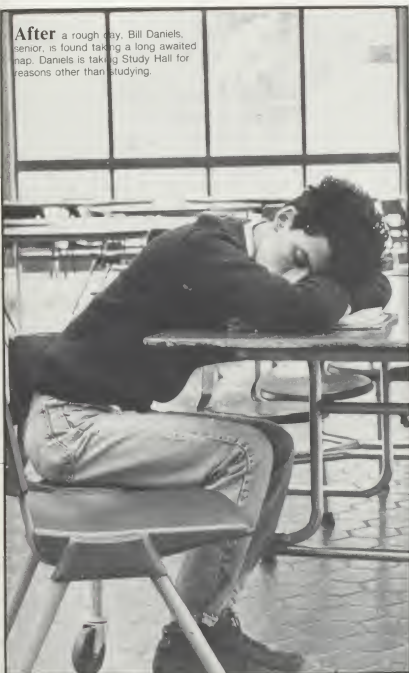
ceived one credit. This class taught a person about self confidence and skills for life.

Dragic Micic, sophomore, said, "I didn't want to take a Study Hall so I took Quest because I heard it was a fun and an interesting class. Also, I'll probably need the credit."

Chrissy Figueroa



After a rough day, Bill Daniels, senior, is found taking a long awaited nap. Daniels is taking Study Hall for reasons other than studying.



Tipton



Quest Club — **Front Row:** Heidi Yonker, Lisa Nix, Jan Fortander, Valerie Huston, Sandra Jones, Mary Kobzelski. **Second Row:** Margaret Stiles, sponsor, Michelle

Mitchell, Linda Shesto, Jisiera Stefanovich, Stacy Currier, Jerry Kasenda, sponsor. **Back Row:** Michelle Martindale, Sue Bink, Monique Gearhart, Pat McCoy, Jared Rodde.



AV — **Front Row:** Aflura Fernando, Mary Vasovich, sponsor, Carl Jimenez. **Back**

Row: Eric McHugh, Paul Zawada, Pat McCoy.

WHAT'S WHAT?

SPORTS

The feeling started when you realized that second place wasn't enough; that the blisters on your feet and the calouses on your hands didn't get there by straining to be the runner up.

"The desire to be the best drives me at work as hard as I can," confided Erik Miner, senior.

The idea of team work also played a part in the success story.

"The members of our gymnastics team depend on each other and encourage each other to do well," commented Jennifer Ogiero, junior.

The hours of practice, repeating the basic skills over and over again — they all lead up to that one moment.

To put what your coach had been telling you for months into action.

"Most coaches have been there before you and can help you over the obstacles," stated Miner.

In 1986, Pirate athletes played the game and won. In some cases it was a winning team, in others, an outstanding individual.

Commenting on the break in the girls diving team's eight year losing streak, Frankie Kowal, senior captain said, "We all felt really proud to win the meet for MHS, especially after eight years. Hopefully, this is a sign of things to come."

No matter what our obstacles or short commings were, we proved that we knew what was going on.

That in 1986, the Pirates were the ones to beat.

But how did this all come about? After the scores had all been totaled and after the final seconds had ticked away, what was what?



Carrying on the tradition of excellence that the girls gymnastics team has always had, Michelle Dušák, sophomore, performs her beam routine. With their hope pinned on the State Championship, the team became united under the motto "Stronger Together."

Displaying the teamwork that is the secret to their success, Neil Petroff and Rich Lesniak, seniors, congratulate each other after another winning match. The boys tennis team was a prime example of where the outstanding success of individuals highlighted the season.



What's up?

HOBART: Not just a game, but THE game

October 11, 1985. The Hobart game. Not just a game, but THE game. MHS students felt that "this year" the Pirates would crumble the Brickies and break their impressive winning streak.

Student Council decided it was time to give MHS a chance to show their spirit for the upcoming game against their enemy, the Hobart Brickies.

As many as 135 T-shirts with "THIS YEAR IT'S OUR TURN" printed proudly on the front were

purchased by students and teachers for \$5 each.

The shirts were printed on demand in a short two days. Pat Mulloy, Student Council sponsor, explained, "The shirts sold well, but they would have sold even better if we would have ordered larger sizes. Kids were wanting to wear them over sweatshirts at the game and we ran out of the large sizes quickly."

However, when the night of the game arrived, the Pirate's stands were lined with the purple T-

shirts.

Jenny Bailey, senior, commented, "I thought it was a great way to show MHS spirit, and it seemed to give the guys the uplift they needed."

Senior defensive back, Branko Jasnic, stated, "The team was already prepared and excited for the game, but the shirts did give us an extra boost."

"I thought that the T-shirts were a super idea. They were designed very originally and are somewhat of a novelty item now.

They would have certainly meant more to me if we had accomplished what the shirt said," added senior co-captain Chris Cochran.

Although the outcome of the game was not what was hoped for, the shirts can fortunately be worn again next year.

"Since we can wear them again, I guess *next* year will be our year!" concluded Mr. Mulloy.

Candy Rathjen

"I tried to attend every home basketball game. I felt that the games were fun, and a great place to get rowdy with friends."

Brian Portlock,
Senior

Supporting the basketball team, the Merrillville crowd cheers their team on to victory. Most students joined the East Side Club to help school spirit.



Pirates undefeated in 2 O'Rama games

This year's varsity football team could have been entitled, "The Little Engine That Could."

Even though the Pirates were considered small, they were able to get the job done.

The Pirates thought they had seen their last Football O'Rama in 1982. Two years later, the Pirates participated in another Football O'Rama.

Traveling all the way to Chesterton for the Football O'Rama, the team found the game beneficial.

"The game prepared us for the rest of the season. Also, the coaches discovered our difficulties and tried to work them out at practice," commented Brett St. Germain, senior.

Proving themselves at the Football O'Rama, the Pirates defeated Portage, 14-0, and Chesterton, 7-0.

The Pirates' awesome defense allowed no touchdowns during the two quarters. Yet, the offensive team scored three touchdowns, made by Mike Mackey, junior, Brian Storey, junior, and

Chris Cochran, senior.

For many players, the Football O'Rama was a new and exciting experience.

Storey, explained, "I worked diligently over the summer to get in shape for the oncoming season. The game gave me a chance to see how much progress I had made."

While the juniors and seniors dominated the game, a few sophomores received their first taste of a varsity game.

"Even though I only played on the specialty teams, the game

was exciting," said Todd Gill, sophomore.

The crowd found the game just as exciting. Several MHS fans arrived at the game expecting to socialize. Instead, the majority of them found themselves watching the game.

Lori Yurko, sophomore, revealed, "I went to the game to see a bunch of my friends. But, I watched the game instead."

Players, as well as fans, enjoyed the game, anxiously awaiting next year's Football O'Rama.

Sherry Guernsey

Cameron receives recognition

Every year coaches, wrestlers, officials and contributors to wrestling are inducted into the Indiana High School Wrestling Association Hall of Fame. On February 23, Coach Tom Cameron, was honored for his performance.

"It's always nice to be recognized by your peers," stated Coach Cameron.

After twelve years of coaching MHS wrestling, Coach Cameron boasts a lifetime dual meet record of 102-28, along with numerous tournament titles.

Nine of those wins were earned at Hammond Clark High School where Coach Cameron coached for one year before establishing his winning tradition at MHS.

Coach Cameron credited many factors to his success as a wrestling coach. "My high school coach was good and very disciplined. My college coach was awfully good. Other high school coaches were also helpful, and of course, I got tremendous support at home from my wife, Janice."

As long as MHS keeps producing hard working wrestlers as it has in the past, Coach Cameron said he plans to "continue on here in quest of a state championship team."

Candy Rathjen

Sitting in his office, Tom

Cameron, assistant athletic director looks at his congratulations balloons. Coach Cameron was inducted into the coaches Hall of Fame.

Athlete's 'psych up'

Today's athletics are at such a fierce level of competition that athletes are striving hard to become the best they can.

Crucial to competition was the mental aspect, commonly called, "psyching up."

Athletes used various methods for getting psyched up.

Tami Peters, sophomore, stated, "When I get psyched up for a game, I run through the plays in my mind."

Bill Brice and Jamie Richards, junior football players, use an unusual method of psyching themselves up. "We listen to 'The Loop' and bang our heads against the wall."

The art of getting fired up was practiced in many ways.

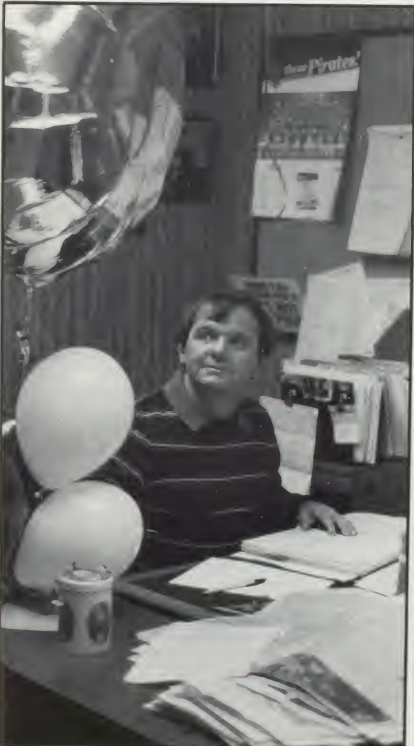
Cathy Erdelac, junior swimmer, said, "To get psyched up, I listen to music and dance around in my room."

Most athletes got pumped up for their sporting events.

Erik Miner, senior football player, stated, "I get psyched up for games in order to play more aggressive and intense."

Although most athletes were not exactly aware of why they get psyched up for games, they realized that emotional preparation could be the difference between winning and losing.

Eric Ban



Borgen

FOOTBALL: Rain becomes a Pirate tradition



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to waller around in the mud, just once?

Well, the football team found out 6 times this season. It was a soggy season as 6 of the 12 games were played under rainy skies.

The weather was definitely a factor as the Pirates battled Valparaiso for the regional championship.

"The rain and cold really affected our passing game. We had a quicker team, but our receivers

had trouble in the slippery conditions, so did our defense," commented Branko Jasnic, senior cornerback.

The Bucs suffered a tough defeat in a driving rainstorm at the Valpo regional, 14-2.

"It wasn't a true test of either team's abilities. The footing was terrible and everybody was numb. It would have been different in better conditions," added Chris Abel, junior offensive lineman.

Only two teams tarnished Merrillville's record, Valpo and Hobart. The team had a regular season record of 6-2.

The Hobart and Merrillville rivalry has been a bitter one for years. Two late fourth quarter

touchdowns, during a light rain, edged out MHS' chance to get even with Hobart.

"We beat them everywhere except on the score board. The other team got the breaks and capitalized. It was a tough loss," stated Brian Storey, junior running back.

Valparaiso was the first to deny the Pirates victory in the fifth game as Merrillville was defeated in four previous battles. "After the first game, I knew we would be good because the offense proved their scoring ability, and the defense showed that they were tough," added Jasnic.

The Pirates rolled to a victory 22-7 over Crown Point, MHS' first opponent.

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Varsity Football — Front Row: L. Schreiber, J. Budner, J. Oleggio, J. Ginner, M. Klewickas, B. Macostum, D. Day, V. Potamianos, G. Zarovias. Second Row: D. Gee, J. Richards, J. Poruczek, J. Markos, B. Lorentz, R. Hyndman, B. Curcio, E. Gonsky. Third Row: T. O'Neil, J. Maccher, B. St. Germain, R. Chabae, B. Brice, J. Morris, J. Radford, O. Brant. Fourth Row: C. Cochran, B. Storey, D.

Bunda, M. Detakos, B. Sparlock, B. Jasnic, E. Meyer, V. Krutz. Fifth Row: S. Cunningham, R. Sammar, J. Oleggio, C. Tobin, C. Abel, S. Warden, M. Givalek, C. Spindis, B. Portlock. Sixth Row: E. Oleggio, J. Coparrin, K. Kaunich, M. Mackey, T. Warrick, P. McLaughlin, P. Simotovski. Back Row: F. O'Shea, B. Belmonte, G. Pieron, B. Bergeson, J. Veltok, J. Anli, T. Peter, S. Izzak.

Bucky Randell, senior, gets assistance from the Pirate's trainer so he can re-enter the game. However, injuries were not a major problem for the team.



photos/Zawada



Terry Huffman

Quarterback Chris Tobias, senior, tries to scramble in the mud and rain of the regional championship against Valparaiso. The rain and cold hindered the Pirates' attack as they lost the game 14-2.

Reading the Roosevelt defense, quarterback Chris Tobias, senior, barks out the play. The Bucs went on to win the game 36-14 in game two of the 5A sectional.



Team effort backs the 6-2 Pirates

The Pirates then reigned victorious over Chesterton, Portage and Michigan City. Two Bucs received local recognition for their outstanding accomplishments in those games as *Post Tribune* "Players of the Week."

Vern Krutz, senior end, captured the honor at the Michigan City game with 4 sacks and 9 solo tackles as the defense held them to a 29-8 score.

"I feel that the defensive ends, John Rachford, Mike Randall, seniors, and Jamie Richards, junior, should be given a lot of credit because of the excellent job of containing the quarterback, which allowed me to get to him," stated Krutz.

Storey rushed for 132 yards to achieve his honor as "Player of the Week" against Portage.

"Brian had a great game and the line blocked well for him. We've worked well together this season. There were no consistent superstars, so everybody helped the team effort. This helped us out a lot this season," commented Brad Curcio, senior cornerback.

"Also, we changed our defensive scheme, and we matured a lot as a unit because we were all seniors and experienced. That helped our defense," added Chris Cochran, senior co-cap-

tain.

At one time, the Pirates were ranked seventh in the state after a quick 4-0 start.

"I think we'll be good next year too because our whole offensive line will be back and our defense should come of age also," said

Storey.

For this year's seniors, they had to play their last game in mud, with conditions pigs would consider dirty. After the game, some of the players did not bother taking off their equipment for a shower.

"It was a shame the season had to end that way. I hope next year's season will be a little drier, for the team's sake," concluded Erik Miner, senior co-captain.

Brent Isenberg



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PIRATES		
	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	22	3
Chesterton	10	8
Portage	21	8
Michigan City	28	17
Valparaiso	13	0
Anderson	7	14
Hobert	7	0
LaPorte	5	0

Charged up, the Bucs run onto the Crown Point field hungry for a victory in the first game. Their intensity prevailed as the Bucs downed the Dogs.

Concentrating on the Bulldog offense John Rachford, senior, gets ready for the play. The defense denied Crown Point the end zone all night in a 22-0 shutout.



Terry Huffman



JV Football — **Front Row:** S. Griggs, S. Rader, J. Puz, T. Gryniewicz, J. Bridges, J. Grant, D. Zoni. **Second Row:** J. Daik, H. Lorenz, L. Espramiv, T. Spilars, J. Coto, S. Besiedick, S. Misk, J. Schindler, E. Gzarnick. **Third Row:** S. Cunningham, R. Velovski, R. Louie, B. Evans, K. Jedyniak, B. Wlchow, T. Sadowski, B. Trull, T.

Pigott. Fourth Row: B. Stewart, G. Trzaska, M. Demskas, M. Depta, B. Zakos, M. Rensch, P. Michael, T. Olejnik. **Fifth Row:** P. Sopczak, M. Nasprinski, J. Peyton, M. Longklow, M. Reimont, T. Gik, L. Lopit, J. Les. **Back Row:** B. Belmonte, G. Pearson, B. Bergeson, J. Yalton, J. Altra, T. Peller, S. Irsak, F. O'Shea



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Converging on a Viking ball-carrier, the Pirate defense stops the run. Constant rain and cold created a mud bowl which helped a Merrillville victory slip away.

Contemplating a play with his offense is Frank O'Shea, Coach, during the Portage game. His strategy worked as the offense struck quick with 21 points in a winning effort.

FINISH FIGURES

Girls Cross Country

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	50	15
Portage	21	64
Boone Grove	64	61
Hobart	25	30
Boone Grove	30	25
Valparaiso	88	40
LaPorte	88	70
Chesterton	26	29
Andean	20	35
Munster	30	25
Lake Central	85	20
Hammond Not	65	47

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Attempting to help the pirate cause, Tammy Jostes, sophomore, strives to finish hard. The team trained on grass and hills to better prepare themselves for the meets.

Searching for something extra, in an effort to finish number one, Don Rodgers, senior, displays his pride by pushing himself to the limit. The Pirates finished 9-5 overall.



Cross Country — Front Row: Jim Kerr, Scott McCown, Rich Hill, Russ Madison, Tim Shaler **Back Row:** John Guzman, Don

Rodgers, Joe Massow, Rob Schultz, Joe Canelli, Steve Nolan, coach



Cross Country — Front Row: Amy Gornik, Sherry Guernsey, Liz Martinez, Sonja Trajkovski, Tracy Fernandez **Back**

Row: Jodi Tomb, Jill Stoner, Tammy Jostes, Cindy Vandermolen, Reagan Plesha, Steve Teller, coach

Fighting off a Chesterton opponent for position, Sonja Trajkovski, junior, pushes to finish at the top. The girls finished with a 3-7 record overall.



ROSS COUNTRY: Teams show improvement

For both girls and boys, cross country season was filled with improvement.

"We had the best team in three years," commented Don Rodgers, a four-time letterman and senior.

"The team kept getting better and better; therefore, we moved up in the conference," added Rodgers.

MHS runners competed in what was considered, by coaches and runners, as the toughest conference in the state.

Valparaiso and Highland, who were state ranked, were the Pirates main competition.



"The Highland Invitational was a highlight for us. We got to compete against the best teams in the area and still did fairly well," commented Reagan Plesha, junior.

"We also worked a lot harder this year and it showed. Our new coach gave us a lot of tips," stated four year veteran, Liz Martinez, senior.

Both teams boasted better records and better times with the addition of two new coaches.

Steve Nolan, the boys coach, and Steve Teller, the girls coach, were the new additions to the staff.

"We did a lot more stairs and a lot more miles this year to get in better shape. It's a young team with even better years ahead," commented Coach Nolan.

Coach Teller, added, "We all learned a lot this year. We trained on grass and ran a lot of hills to get better prepared for the meets. The team is young, and we have a good nucleus for next year."

John Guzman, senior, stated, "Don and I were the only two seniors this year. We have good potential for future seasons."

With the addition of the new coaches and different workouts, the boys finished with a 9-5 record, and the girls improved their record to 3-7.

Plesha concluded, "I'm in better shape and I improved my times, but I know next year I can do a lot better to help the team."

Brent Isenberg

GOLF: Scores improve with every stroke

The girls golf record could be considered an understatement of the improvement that was made during the season.



The team improved their average nine strokes per match, lowering their number of strokes from 209 from last year to an even 200.

One factor that hindered the Pirates' record was the tough competition in the area.

"Teams on our schedule such as Valpo, Rogers, Elston and LaPorte were state ranked," explained Jim Vermillion, coach.

"The competition was very tough. There were at least three former champions on our schedule," stated Dee Dee Knop, senior.

However, the competition did not hinder individual performances including Karen Kasprzak, senior.

"I improved a lot from last year by about 15 strokes. It was a good finish for my senior year," stated Kasprzak.

Missing the All-Conference team by half a stroke was sophomore, Nancy Nims.

"The outlook for next year is very good, considering Nancy Nims, our team's most valuable player, will be returning," stated Knop.

Coach Vermillion concluded, "I was pleased with the performance of my team because most of the members showed a considerable amount of improvement."

Also, showing improvement was the boys golf team. With the loss of many players, the boys golf team was very young and inexperienced.

Max Hutchinson, coach, stated, "One of our disadvantages was that we lost 75% of our team starters."

The team consisted of only three letterman: Rich Lesniak, senior, Greg Chidsey and Ward Setmayer, juniors.

The Pirates started out the season with some anticipation as they upset a top ranked Valparaiso team.

Lesniak, commented, "We played to the best of our abilities to beat Valpo."

Chidsey said, "This year's season was a great success considering our inexperience."

Geoff Chidsey, senior, stated, "As the season progressed we matured into a refined golf team."

Although most doubted the ability of the youthful golf team, they proved everyone wrong by having an 11-9 season.

Eric Ban, Candy Rathjen



Girls Golf — Front Row: Nancy Loscaro, Len Cook, Nikki Modrak, Rae Renner, Kim Row: Yvonne Boone, Nancy Nims, Kim

Kemie, Karen Kasprzak, Dee Dee Knop, Sam Delkic, Barb Hippie, Jim Vermillion, coach.



Boys Golf Mex Hutchinson, coach Rich Lesniak, Geoff Chidsey, Keith Dowdy, Greg

Chidsey, Jeff Graystone, Ward Setmayer.



Driving the first tee at Summertime, Dee Dee Knop, senior, displays good form. The girls improved their team score by nine strokes from the previous season.

Taking a practice swing, Greg Chidsey, junior, prepares to chip the ball on the green. The Pirates posted a record of 11-9.





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Concentrating on how to hit his put, Ward Setmayer, junior, studies the green. The Pirates only had three lettermen on the team.

PIRATES PICTURES

Boys Golf

	MHS	OPP
Highland	172	189
M.C. Rogers	169	177
Valparaiso	169	192
M.C. Rogers	165	164
Portage	165	159
	169	176
M.C. Elston	181	170
Andean	188	174
Chesterton	188	165
LaPorte	178	191
Portage	178	190
Hobart	168	165
Hobart	168	183
Chesterton	182	166
Crown Point	174	168
LaPorte	174	181
Valparaiso	177	179
Crown Point	175	177
Andean	175	182
Hobart	174	
Lowell		

PIRATES PICTURES

Girls Golf

	MHS	OPP
Munster	232	232
Knox	232	325
Hobart	232	246
M.C. Elston	227	185
Portage	221	209
LaPorte	221	195
Andean	220	226
Chesterton	211	213
Lowell	208	205
M.C. Rogers	224	194
New Prairie	215	240
Valparaiso	215	183
Rensselaer	204	184
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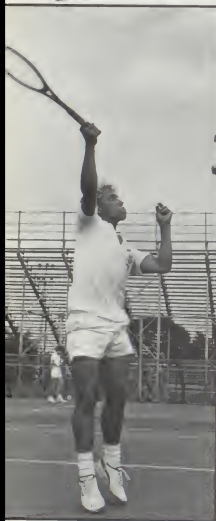
Displaying her perfect form, Kara East, senior, awaits to serve the ball. East led the Pirates to a sectional and regional crown.

Girls Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	3	2
Griffith	5	0
Lowell	5	0
Highland	5	0
Wheeler	5	0
Lake Station	4	1
Chesterton	4	1
Hobart	5	0
M.C. Rogers	0	5
Munster	4	1
Andrean	1	4
LaPorte	2	3
Calumet	2	3
Valparaiso	2	3
Portage		

Boys Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	1	4
Crown Point	1	4
Hammond High	1	4
LaPorte	0	2
Lowell	3	2
Griffith	2	3
Michigan City Rogers	3	2
Hobart	1	4
Chesterton	4	1
Highland	3	2
Portage	0	5
Hobart	0	5
Valparaiso	0	5
Andrean	1	4



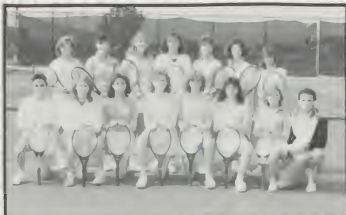
Reaching up for a smash, Rich Lesniak, senior, concentrates on the ball. Lesniak competed for the Pirates at number two doubles with Neil Petroff, senior.





Boys Tennis — Front Row: Rick Cannon, Geoff Chidsey, Mike Dinatale, Rich Lesniak
Back Row: Ted Springer, coach, Neil

Petroff, Joe Nash, John Garcia, George Angeloff.



Girls Tennis — Front Row: Gina Gros, Kristine Wolf, Nancy Khezzi, Debbie Tica, Suzanne Kuzemka, Michelle Santos, Stacey Uzelac, Bill Carson, coach. **Back Row:** Kara

East, Tamara Levinson, Susan Galoozis, Donna Micic, Tracy Wikse, Ana Dobrijevic, Barb Mazur.

ENNIS: Girls win first regional title



Having a season of ups and downs, the boys tennis team centered around the optimistic attitude of senior captain, Geoff Chidsey.

Going in with a record of 8-7, Chidsey was upset in the final match of sectionals, losing to Andean's Roger Joa. Chidsey had, however, previously beaten Joa during the season.

"One of my greatest achievements this year was playing some of the better players in the area and giving them good matches," commented Chidsey.

Teammate, John Garcia, stated, "Geoff Chidsey contributed a lot to our team. It was my first year of playing, and he gave me a lot of tips. His attitude definitely helped the whole team."

The Pirates number one doubles team consisted of George Angeloff and Mike Dinatale. At

number two doubles were Rich Lesniak and Neil Petroff. With Chidsey at number one singles, Rick Cannon and Garcia followed at two and three.

Despite their 4-11 record, coach Ted Springer complimented his Pirate team.

"It was the kind of team that even though they were mostly inexperienced seniors, they never quit. That was what this team was about. They just never quit."

As for the girl's tennis team, hard work, dedication, and high respect for their coach led the Lady Pirates to a respectable 18-7 record.

Number one singles player, Kara East, senior, stated, "You have to have a good attitude that puts the team first before individuals or yourself."

Disappointments for the Pirates came early in the season at the Merrillville Invitational and Portage meet. However, the Pirates entered their sectional tournament with a positive attitude.

"Two of our main goals were to

win the Duneland Conference and to go as far as possible in the state tournament by playing to the best of our abilities," said Tracy Wikse, sophomore.

Although the Pirates fell short of the Duneland Conference title, perfect performances in the sectional kept the Pirates afloat.

Number one doubles team, Donna Micic, junior, and Ana Dobrijevic, senior, along with number two doubles team, Wikse and Tamara Levinson, junior, and East swept through the sectionals undefeated.

The Lady Pirates defeated Crown Point, 3-2, Andean, 4-1, and finally Lake Station, 3-2, in the final round for their second consecutive sectional title.

As if that wasn't enough, the Pirates continued their excellent performances and captured their first regional crown.

Winning again for the Pirates were East, Levinson, and the number two doubles team of Susan Galoozis and Ana Dobrijevic.

Candy Rathjen

Reaching for the spike, Karen Cook, junior, completes one of her many fierce smashes this season. Cook was voted second team all-conference.

Setting for her teammate Karen Cook, junior, Kara East, senior captain, displays her accuracy.



	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	W	L
Gervil	W	L
Crown Point	W	L
Lake Central	W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	L
Lowell	W	L
Columet	W	L
LaPorte	W	L
Hemmond Noll	W	L
Museler	W	L
Hoebert	W	L
Hammond Morton	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Highland	W	L
Chasterton	W	L
Portage	W	L
Hebron	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L



Jumping high for a spike is Colleen Collins. Collins lettered for the Pirates in volleyball and basketball.



Varsity Volleyball — Front Row: Lisa Navarro, Pam Wilczynski, Colleen Collins, Karen Cook, Tracy Schuck, Brenda Hippe

Back Row: Dane Jolevski, Julie Jopstorsky, Joe Starkey, coach, Kara East, Jennifer Ogilgo, Toni Banashak



J.V. Volleyball — Front Row: Alison McCollum, Becky Stewart, Jill Mangoski
Second Row: Susan Garbars, Cathy

Arneson, Melissa Gaydos **Back Row:** Renee Vermilion, Crystal Skundz, Karen Proctor, coach, Dorothy Kaplan, Michelle Musser

VOLLEYBALL: Enthusiasm prevails all season



Upon entering the desolate gymnasium in early summer, the Lady Pirates started a rigorous conditioning program. They lifted weights and ran in preparation.

Joe Starkey, coach, stated, "The conditioning program developed our strength and helped us to spike with more authority."

Pam Wilczynski, senior, commented, "The conditioning program this summer really helped our stamina."

The Pirates obtained leadership from Tracy Schuck, Pam Wilczynski, Kara East and Toni Banashak, the four returning seniors on the team.

Coach Starkey said, "The younger players really looked up to our captains, Schuck, Wilczynski and East."

Exploding into the volleyball scene the Lady Pirates began the season with a 4-0 record. The Pirates improved their record to 10-3 by beating Munster.

Coach Starkey commented, "The Munster match was one of the best matches we have played. We played outstanding and had a definite flow the whole match."

"The team played well together. We had a lot of enthusiasm," said Karin Cook, junior.

Rolling over opponents, the Lady Pirates raised their record to 17-6 before entering the tough Lafayette Invitational. After the spikers rambled over the first two teams they faced, they met third

ranked Clinton Prairie. The Pirates took Clinton Prairie into the third game, but suffered a disappointing loss.

Coach Starkey stated, "We were the only team to take Clinton Prairie into the third game. I was pleased with the way we played."

Ending the season with an outstanding record of 20-10, the Lady Pirates ended the conference schedule with a frustrating 2-4 record.

The Pirates entered the sectionals with a 20-10 record and a lot of confidence. They fell to defeat at the hands of the Valpo Vikings.

Kara East, senior, stated, "It was a tough loss for everyone, but I thought we played the best we could."

Eric Bay

SWIMMING: Individuals strive for goals



"Coach of the year," Jim Nicholas, coached the MHS boys' swim team to an outstanding performance in the sectional championships.

MHS finished a strong third out of the nine teams participating in the sectionals.

Receiving a first place finish was Joe Nash, Steve Pushka, juniors, Rich Lesniak, senior, and the 200 medley relay of Lesniak, Nash, Pushka, and Bill Zervos, ju-

nior. This allowed them to qualify for the state finals.

"Qualifying for State was a real satisfaction for me," stated Lesniak.

Although the Lady Pirates did not have a great year, they had a season of rebuilding and improvement.

"The team has improved tremendously," commented Coach Mark Owens. "This is largely due to the great attitude the team has taken on this season."

A major change to the team was the addition of diving coach, Jim Campbell.

Leading the team were Stacy

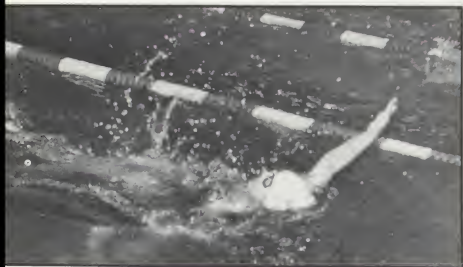
Lawrence, senior, in the 100 butterfly, and Cathy Erdelac, junior, in the 100 breaststroke.

Divers were Frankie Kowal, senior, and Larissa Radczenko, sophomore.

"We have an experienced coach who tries to make it fun, yet, forces us to work hard," concluded Radczenko.

Lori Spradley

Preparing to dive Chuck Scates, sophomore, steadies himself on the diving board. This was Chuck's first year on the team.



Reaching up and back for a strong finish in the backstroke is Lori Tubbs, sophomore. Lori will be a driving force on the team next year.

FINAL FIGURES

Boys' Swimming		
	MHS	OPP
Chesterlon	69	107
Hobart	132	48
Portage	96	76
Lake Central	70	100
Crown Point	85	87
Munster	52	115
Valparaiso	62	106
LaPorte	66	105
Hammond Gavitt	101	70
M.C. Rogers	104	67
Bishop Noll	101	70
Rensselaer Central	125	47
Highland	62	110
Girls' Swimming		
	MHS	OPP
Chesterlon	45	120
Highland	58	113
LaPorte	62	107
Valparaiso	59	111
Hobart	78	94
Lowell	76	96
M.C. Rogers	71	100
Portage	101	70
Calumet	111	59
Lake Central	71	100
Munster	62	113
Crown Point	52	120



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Boys Swimming — Front

Row: Dan Brankie, Scott Hamilton, Mike Lesniak, Mark Mumney, **Second Row:** Chuck Scates, Jason Reitman, Jim

Cunningham, Eric Milosolovich, Mike Shirovich, Fred Glatz

Back Row: Eric Ortegon, Ralph Guerro, David Gemeinhart, Joe Nash, Rich Lesniak, George Santiago, Jim Nicholov, Coach.



Girls Swimming — Front Row:

Stacy Lawrence, Mallon Kosak, Kristin Erdelac, Josie Cammarata, Michelle Moskowitz, Cathy Erdelac, Caroline Zigmond. **Second Row:** Jim Nickolov, Coach Larissa Radzenko, Frankie Kowal, Patti

Zolandz, Lori Tubbs. Third Row:

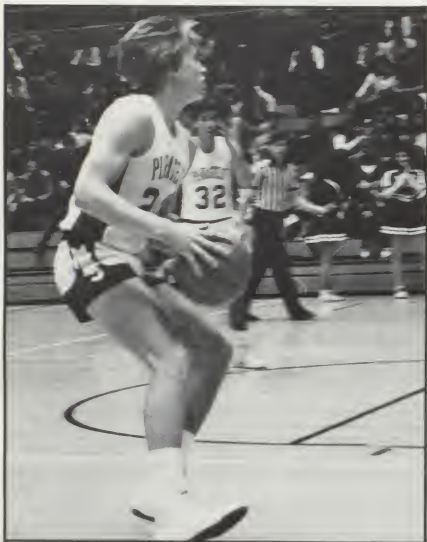
Jim Campbell, Coach, Mark Owens, Coach, Edie Philips, Maxine Regee. **Back Row:** Ann Marando, Holly Vance, Sheri Sheptock, Kathleen Jennings, Patti Sanger.

Taking a breath from the breaststroke, Eric Milosolovich, freshman, strives for a first place.

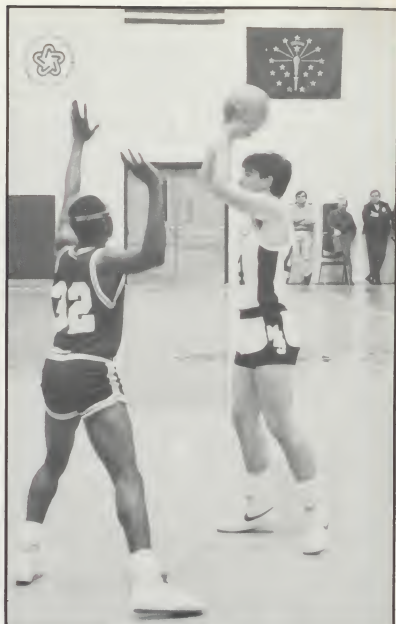


During the Calumet Sectional, senior forward Brent Isenberg pulls up for a jumper. The third time wasn't a charm as the Crown Point Bulldogs won it with a last second shot to stop a two game losing streak to the Bucs.

Looking inside, forward John Lea, sophomore, attempts to pass. The Pirate offense was one which consisted of a several pass philosophy.



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BASKETBALL: Pirates move on

Finishing their season one game over the .500 mark, the basketball team thrilled many MHS fans.

Opening the season with two consecutive wins over Gary West and Andean, the Pirates started off with a great year.

During the Andean game, the 59'ers showed domination on the court, but the youthful Pirates came back for a 56-55 victory.

"Being able to start on the varsity level was a thrill to me coming in as a sophomore," stated Steve Haller, junior.

Following a few tough losses, MHS captured the Highland Tournament defeating Crown Point 53-51 and Highland 59-49. MHS scored only 12 points before halftime of the Crown

Point game, yet fired up during the second half for an exciting victory.

After tournament play, MHS lost a difficult battle against East Chicago Roosevelt and followed this with a fantastic five game winning streak defeating Hobart, Gary Roosevelt, Chesterton, Hammond Gavit and Crown Point.

With a loss to Lowell, 64-62 in overtime, the Pirates prepared to face Crown Point in sectionals at Calumet. Revenge marked the minds of the Bulldogs who suffered two losses to MHS during the regular season. Crown Point, the defending sectional champs, edged the Pirates 50-48 in a hard fought battle.

"This was an exciting season for me and I am looking forward to next year," concluded John Wilczynski, junior.

Lori Spradley



Crashing the board, Pirate forwards John Lea, sophomore, and Steve Haller, junior, box out a LaPorte defender, making a Pirate "sandwich" over the state-ranked Sleepers. The Pirates won with a 77-69 Pirates' defeat.



continue 'Pirates on the Move'

Youth and inexperience were key points of the MHS basketball team. There were no seniors on the starting line-up at any time during the season. The starting line-up consisted of two juniors and three sophomores.

Coach Jim East stated, "Our goal is to be winners. We have only two seniors, neither of them playing more than half of last season."

The Pirates were left to rely on junior center John Wilczynski and sophomore forward Steve Haller.

Emerging late in the season, John Lea, sophomore, scored a remarkable 15 points in the game against Lowell.

Having beaten the Crown

Point Bulldogs twice during season play, the Pirates prepared to battle the Bulldogs in the sectionals at Calumet, but faced a tough defeat to the Bulldogs.

Using pressure defense, intense field play and clutch free throws, the Pirates finished the season with a record of 11-10.

Summing up the season, Coach East concluded, "I'm not going to cry youth all the time and make excuses because we were playing young and scared. I really wish it was something I said or did that turned it around, but the kids were the ones that did it on the court."

Lori Spradley



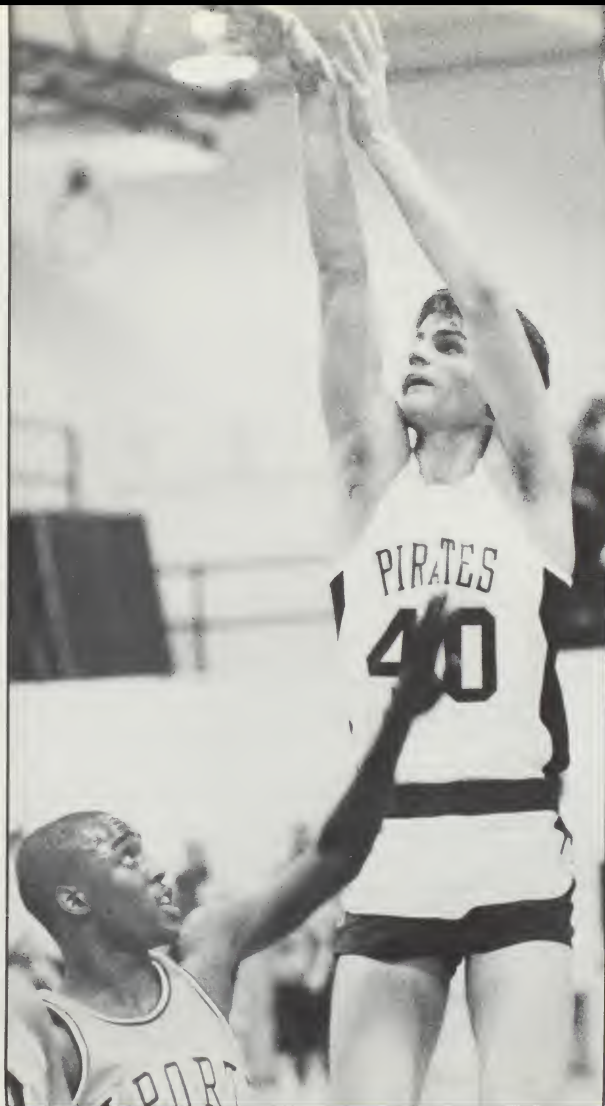
Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Eric Czarnicki, Tony Scott, Kevin Sneiderweine, Kevin Wright. Second Row: Bill Zaikos, Dan Tomich, John Lea, Chris Abel, Eric Ban, Brent Isenberg, Tim O'Shea, Back

Row: Coach Jim East, Coach Don Sly, Steve Haller, Joel Paska, John Wilczynski, Jovo Manojlovic, Coach Bill Platt, Sherm Izsak, Trainer.



J.V. Basketball — Front Row: Kevin Wright, Rob Schultz, Jeff Don, Bob Stewart, Mike Depta, Larry Igenzsa, Ted Pigott, Eric Czarnicki. Back Row: Kevin

Sneiderweine, Tony Scott, Marty Miller, Bill McCullum, Dragic Micic, Tony Oleniec, Tony Aznar, Alex Gagnan, Coach Don Sly



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FINAL POINTS

Varsity Basketball

	MHS	OPP
West Side	43	41
Andean	54	55
Hammond	53	60
Lew Wallace	50	67
Valparaiso	54	57
Crown Point	51	51
Highland	59	49
E.C. Roosevelt	50	53
Hobart	59	40
Roosevelt	63	50
Chesterton	71	48
Hammond Gavit	64	62
Crown Point	58	57
LaPorte	53	77
Munster	56	47
M.C. Rogers	55	78
Portage	45	49
Lake Central	60	56
Highland	60	52
Lowell	62	64

J.V. Basketball

	MHS	OPP
West Side	38	24
Andean	43	45
Lew Wallace	25	49
Hammond High	23	37
Valparaiso	30	17
Lake Central	33	36
Highland	30	29
E.C. Roosevelt	43	44
Hobart	57	45
Roosevelt	34	38
Chesterton	45	34
Hammond Gavit	49	17
Crown Point	30	34
LaPorte	37	42
Munster	36	42
M.C. Rogers	42	50
Portage	39	42
Lake Central	44	45
Highland	39	40
Lowell	33	45

Leaping over a LaPorte opponent, John Wilczynski, junior, shoots for two. LaPorte was one of many state-ranked teams that the Pirates continually played.

BASKETBALL! New look brings back winning

"I think we could have gone all the way to semi-state!"



That was the unanimous feeling of the Lady Pirates after another tough loss to the Crown Point Bulldogs in the sectionals.

The Lady Bucs defeated a number of tough teams this season to capture the conference championship. From a disappointing 5-15 record last year, the Pirates improved dramatically to a 13-7 record.

"We improved our knowledge of the game, and our new coach, Coach Dave Demuth, was the reason for it. Our defense and offense improved tremendously from last year," stated Karin Cook, junior forward.

According to team members, Coach Demuth brought a completely different look to their game.

"He built us up physically and mentally to our fullest potential. He made winners out of each and every one of us," commented Jenny Bailey, senior forward.

The lady Pirates carried that winning spirit through the season defeating Valparaiso, Roosevelt and Michigan City, whom they beat to take the conference crown. Team work, desire and maturity led to the team's drastic improvement and to being a top team in the area, according to several players.

"We had more confidence in ourselves because we knew we had the talent to beat the good team. We would go into a game with the attitude that nobody would beat us," said Gina Flaherty, junior.

With a desire to win, the team felt there were some games that they shouldn't have lost.

"Wallace wasn't one of our better games, and we only lost by five. Plus, there were two overtime losses to Crown Point, which we should have won. We were the better team," added Cook.

The first of two losses to the defending state champions, Crown Point, was partially due to two costly and questionable calls by the referees late in the game. With a few seconds left and MHS up by one, a technical was called on Coach for accidentally kneeling

off the bench.

"That was cheap, and it shouldn't have been called. Also, there wasn't a jump ball at the beginning of the overtime, which I feel we could have gotten," added Tracy Schuck, senior.

Although the Bucs lost some close games, they agreed that next year those games will be different.

"Although we had a few setbacks, as the season progressed, we improved greatly. If the girls are willing to work during the summer, we should have a great season. I know we won't lose those close ones," replied Coach Demuth.

"We felt that Coach Demuth did a fine job this season. As the year progressed, felt more comfortable of the player-coach relationship, which led to improved communication and overall improvement," stated Julie Joseforsky, point-guard.

Finally, "maturity and dedication really made the difference this year and will continue to make the difference next year as well," concluded Joseforsky.

Brent Isenberg

	Final	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	42	44	38
Bishop Noll	57	75	44
Benton Central	74	44	16
Crown Point	64	48	50
Hammond Morton	60	48	50
LaPorte	46	50	23
Andean	47	49	49
Portage	44	49	42
Chesterton	44	42	41
Highland	43	42	29
Andean	41	41	29
Low Wallace	45	41	50
Gary Roosevelt	70	41	34
Hobart	53	50	51
Lake Station	52	34	
Valparaiso	53	34	
Calumet	69	51	
M.C. Rogers			



Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Chris Roberts, Reagan Plesha, Laura Stefanelli, Lisa Herbert, Sheryl Kimpolich, Julie Joseforsky.

Carla Carratone. Back Row: Gina Flaherty, Tracy Schuck, Tam Peters, Jenny Bailey, Heather Charlesworth, Karin Cook, Lisa Olejnik



J.V. Basketball — Front Row: Cindy Vancusmolan, Tracy Fernandez, Beth Hutchinson, Lori Tubbs. Back Row: Jill Smith,

Dorothy Kaptan, Karen Burke, Lalonya Bankhead, Tammy Jostes.

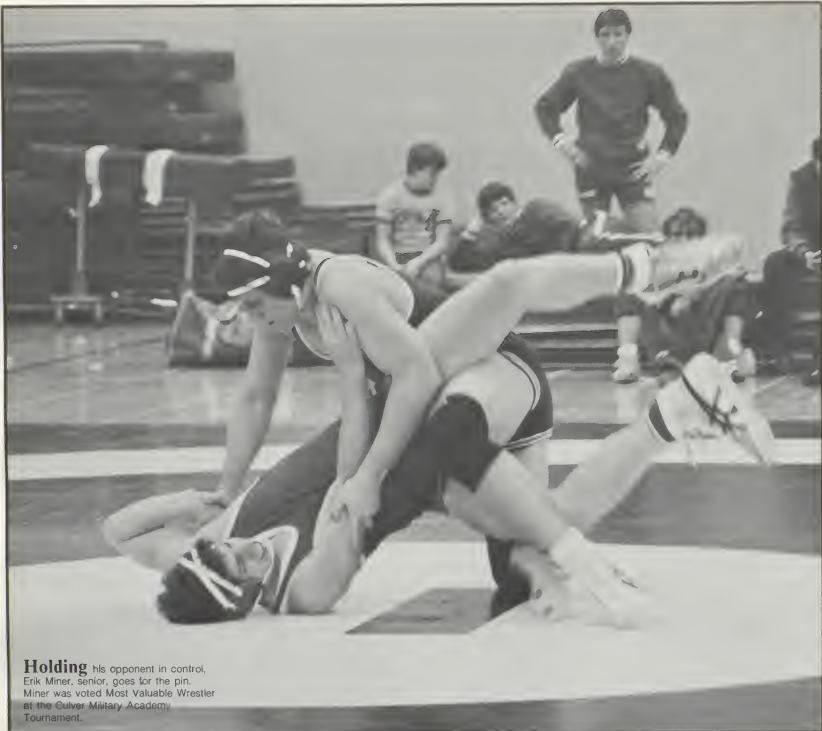


Eyeing the basket, Tracy Schuck, senior, concentrates on a freethrow. She was a constant contributing factor in the Pirates victories.

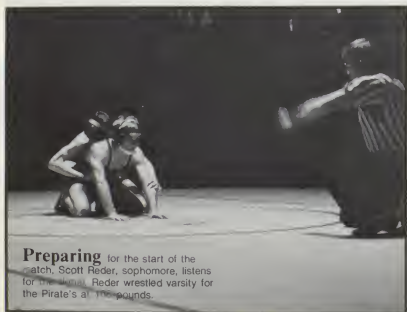


Shooting for two, Sheryl Kimpolich, sophomore, leads the Pirate attack early in the game. Consistent shooting from the guards helped the Pirates improve.

Driving in, Jenny Bailey, senior, powers-up for two against a Lowell defender in the first game of the sectional. The Bucs won decisively by 69-5.



Holding his opponent in control, Erik Miner, senior, goes for the pin. Miner was voted Most Valuable Wrestler at the Culver Military Academy Tournament.



Preparing for the start of the match, Scott Reder, sophomore, listens for the signal. Reder wrestled varsity for the Pirate's at the grounds.

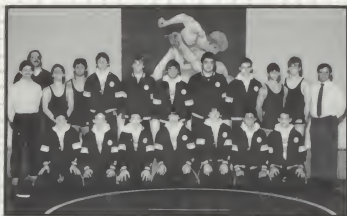
RESTLING:

February 21 finally arrived and four Pirate wrestlers set out to Indianapolis to fulfill every wrestler's dream of becoming a state champion.

One Pirate, Tom Magerla, senior, upheld his reputation as the best in the state at 119 pounds and captured the state title against Brian Johnson of Beach Groove, 6-3.

Magerla finished his season with a 36-0 record.





Varsity Wrestling — Front Row: Mark Rosenbalm, Brandon Gohier, Scott Rader, Tom Magera, John Allen, Oscar Rodriguez, John McKenney. Back Row: Mike Magera, Rick Hurey, coaches, Jeff Pysh, Hank

Lorentz, Erik Miner, Marly Pritsch, Jim Bittner, John Kouskousakis, Chuck Tipton, Bob Nickus, Bill Trutt, Tom Cameron, coach.



J.V. Wrestling — Front Row: Pete Kwasden, Kevin Ward, Frank Silva, Tom Bounnaras, John Paul Origel, Steve Lucas, Mark Vanscoyk, Bob Dietz, Joe Anaya, AJ Fynn, Nick Papageorge, Bob Woodburn. Back Row: Mike Magera, Rick Hurey,

coaches, John Mizerak, Russel Cain, Eric Gonzalez, Mike Nalopinski, Jim Lille, Greg Thompson, Chad Lorentz, Harbie Hippie, Gus Pettsala, John Croarkin, Dan Schoon, Jim Sibirik, Eric Helm, John Christos, Steve Vlasie, Tom Cameron, coach

FINAL FIGURES		
	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	35	23
LePorte	42	17
Andrian	60	10
Penn	49	14
Plymouth	28	31
Penn	40	28
Lafayette Jeff	48	16
M.C. Rogers	29	24
Chesterion	37	25
Hobart	32	
Valparaiso		

Breaking away from his opponent is Tom Magera, senior. Magera was voted Most Valuable Wrestler at the Merrillville Invitational.



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Every roads lead to state for four MHS wrestlers

"Tom is a great competitor with a tremendous desire to win. He is an absolutely outstanding wrestler on his feet when going for takedowns," explained Tom Cameron, wrestling coach.

Although illness and injuries affected the Pirate's team performance, the Pirate's still finished with a 10-1 record in dual meets, capturing the Duneland Conference title. Close wins over Valparaiso and Hobart helped to clinch the title.

John Allen, senior, explained, "In the Hobart dual meet we needed a win . . . it was up to Chuck Tipton. He pinned his guy

in the first period. I never saw Coach Cameron get so excited. He had a cup of water in his hand and he just threw it in the air!"

Coach Cameron added, "The team possessed a great deal of wrestling expertise. The members of the team had a great amount of pride and determination."

"To be good wrestlers you have to have good attitudes and mental abilities. You have to be good athletes. All in all, we had an outstanding year," commented Erik Miner, senior.

"The injuries definitely hurt us because we had to wrestle several times during the year without

our strongest line-up," added Coach Cameron.

However, individual performances by the Pirate team were quite numerous.

Allen, who qualified for state at 126 pounds, and Miner, who qualified for state at 177 pounds, were inducted into Indiana's Academic Honorable Mention State Team after completing their seasons in Indianapolis.

Also, Miner placed second in state and finished his season with a very respectable 33-2 record.

Freshman wrestler Mark Rosenbalm, worked his way to a sectional and regional champion-

ship and also placed second at the Semi-state meet which qualified him for state.

"Mark Rosenbalm is a great technical wrestler. He had the best freshman record we have ever had at Merrillville," said Coach Cameron.

Allen explained the Pirate's reputation for winning by stating, "So many things are needed to be good wrestlers, but mostly it is the desire to win no matter how much it hurts."

Candy Rathjen

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YMNASTICS: Girls take state title

The Pirates are truly Number ONE.

On Saturday, March 22, the gymnastic team took its first state championship by three tenths of a point.

The Pirates edged Columbus North 105.25 to 104.95.

Both teams were tied entering the final event (the floor exercise).

Diane Roberts, MHS gymnastics coach, said, "That's never happened in a state meet. Usually by

that time one team has at least a two-point lead."

Jeanine Kierzkowski, senior, Denise Vazquez, sophomore, and Amy Roberts, junior, proved why MHS is number one, by

scoring 9's on the floor. This was enough to boost the Pirates to the State Championship.

Roberts stated, "I was very nervous going into the final event because I knew it would decide the overall winner."

Kierzkowski, who made her fourth appearance at state, finished second all-around, taking second on the uneven bars and third in vaulting. Vasquez finished fifth on beam.

Eddie Phillips, sophomore, who had been hampered with a knee injury since sectionals, remained steady, as did senior Karen Dudak.

The Pirates' season was perfect, they finished 11-0 breezing by their opponents without the help of injured Jennifer Ogigo, junior.

Coach Roberts, commented, "Our second team also went 11-

0 and could have beaten a lot of school's first teams.

The highlight of the season came when they defeated Chesteron in front of a packed gymnasium.

Phillips commented, "Chesteron was ranked number two, and we were ranked number one. The meet decided who would be number one."

Next, the gymnasts went on to win the Duneland Conference Championship at Valparaiso.

Kierzkowski said, "Winning the Duneland Conference gave us the confidence we needed to go all the way to state."

Eric Ban



Gymnastics — Front Row: Denise Vasquez, Michelle Dudak, Jeanine Kierzkowski, Karen Dudak, Dawn Hebert.
Second row: Eddie Phillips, Michelle

Pushkar, Amy Roberts, Renee Mishler, Michelle Schreiber. **Back row:** Coach Bill Roberts, Nancy Campbell, Frankie Kowal, Jennifer Ogigo, Coach Diane Roberts.



Concentrating on the beam, sophomore Eddie Phillips prepares for a dismount. She was steady at state despite a knee injury she received at sectionals.





PSA ALL-STAR		
	MHS	OPP
M C Rogers	103.95	65.75
Uwiel	105.40	85.75
Hobart	105.50	75.65
Portage	98.50	83.65
Crown Point	105.15	95.80
Crown Point	110.40	100.25
Vesperano	104.85	99.35
Valparaiso	104.70	93.70
Highland	105.85	89.60
Lafayette	110.20	80.50
M C Elston	1.00	0.00
Munster		



Displaying her gracefulness, Michelle Puskas, freshman, performs on the floor. Both A and B teams finished 11-0 for the season.

Making her final run, Jeanine Kierzkowski, senior, shows why the beam is one of her better events. Kierzkowski took second place in state.

FINAL FIGURES

	MHS	OPP
British	2	6
Hammond	0	5
Hammond Clark	2	1
Hammond Morton	2	3
Highland	1	3
Lake Central	2	0
Griffith	0	5
Munster	0	7
Lew Wallace	4	1
E. Chicago	1	2
Vesperano	0	6
Andrew	0	5
Chesleron	2	5
Portage	2	

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Attacking the goal, Mike Soffa, sophomore, concentrates on his defender. Soffa had nine assists for goals during the season.

Preparing to kick the ball up field, senior center-defender Dan Jovic gets a free kick. There were only three seniors on the team this season.



Soccer: Youthful team gives it their all

Giving it their all was important to the MHS soccer players.

"My goal this season was to just play as hard as I could and also have a good time," commented Paul Trpkovski, senior.

Determination, however, was not enough to pull the Pirates through a

winning season. Due to many injuries and other setbacks, the Pirates ended up with a disappointing 3-10 record.

"Munster and Portage were our two toughest games. They were organized and quick, as they usually are," added Branko Jasnic, senior.

Determination has always been considered the mental part of the game.

"Although we lost a lot of games, the team never let up. We had a lot of setbacks during the season, but excuses don't count, wins do," stated Dragic Micic, sophomore.

Mental participation was stressed in practice along with the physical aspects.

"The coaches stressed a lot of thinking and concentrating in practice. That's most of the game right there," commented Milan Adamovic, junior.

Eventually, through the mental effort, the basic fundamentals of the team did improve.

"Our ball control and passing improved a lot over the season, even though our record didn't show it," added Savo Cucuz, senior.

The MHS team seemed to agree that ball control and passing were the keys to the success of the British soccer team, who visited here earlier this spring.

"They made us more aware of

the things we had to work on in practice, such as filling our positions on the field," added Micic.

The British team consisted of high school aged students from England. They toured Northwest Indiana high schools and played each schools soccer teams, being victorious in all but one game.

"Their basic skills were so defined, and it showed when they beat everybody. I'm glad it wasn't a regular season game," commented Cucuz.

Although there were things to work on, better seasons are on the horizon. Only three people are leaving the team, since it consisted of sophomores and juniors.

Jasnic concluded, "With maturity and improved ability, next year's team should be tough. Speaking for most of the team, we all had a good time this season, which was the most important part."

Brent Isenberg



Soccer — Front Row: Mark Demakas, Mike Sofka, Nick Zairi, Milan Adamovich, Tony Doraski, Chris Cutlis, Mike Panglogas. **Second Row:** Eric Ban, Dragic Micic, Dan Tomich, Branko Jasnic.

Ray Jaksic, Terry Wood, Mark Josifoski, Zoran Koteksi. **Back Row:** Pete Riese, coach, Dan Jock, Ned Kostor, John Manolyvic, Savo Cucuz, Tim Soles, Tim McFador, coach

Dribbling past a defender, Dan Tomich, junior, goes on the offensive. The passing and dribbling improved steadily over the season.

Displaying her winning pitching style, Candy Rathjen, senior, strikes out another batter. Rathjen was the winningest pitcher in M...



J.V. Softball: Front Row — Tracy Wittlong, Christine Barker, Cathy Zimmerman, Mandy Belshaw, Michelle Puskas, Connie Belshaw, Monica Witt, Michelle Schreiber **Back Row** — Sherry

Maghwick, Nancy Nimms, Masy Gayda, Karen Smith, Karen Burke, Anne Kolodinski, Michelle Graeber, Melissa Tesanovich, Crystal Skundz, Pat Mukoy, coach



Varsity Softball: Front Row — Jenny Bailey, Barb Hoppe, Bob Bengason, coach Chris Able, manager **Second Row** — Gina Faherty, Colleen Collins, Linda Gagola, Lisa Navarro, Brenda Hoppe **Back Row** —

Michelle Schmidt, Cathy Anneson, Patty Spitz, Sheryl Kimpovich, Julie Joseforsky, Tony Banashak, Kristie Wright, Candace Rathjen.



Demonstrating the proper batting technique, Bob Bergeson, coach, prepares the team for a winning game. This was the first year of coaching for Coach Bergeson.

	MHS	OPP
Thorndike	12	1
Lowell	9	4
Chesterton	5	3
Portage	4	3
Calumet	6	2
Hobart	3	3
Monroe	3	1
LaPorte	7	2
Rogers	9	4
Highland	4	2
Vaporario	5	2
Chesterton	6	3
Portage	8	2
Hobart	3	0
Lake Central	10	5
Munster	5	1
LaPorte	4	3
Rogers	24	0
Crown Point		
Vaporario		
Andean		



Getting ready to steal second base, Linda Gagola, junior, watches the pitcher carefully. The Pirates capitalized on every opportunity to steal extra bases and earn runs.

SOFTBALL: Lady Pirates overpower opponents

First year coach Bob Bergeson lead the MHS girls softball team to a remarkable unbeaten regular season.

The Pirates won 19 straight games to capture the Duneland land Conference and sectionals.

"Without the help of Coach Bergeson, we would

never be where we are today," commented Gina Flaharty, junior. Leading the Pirates with their strength in pitching were Can-

dace Rathjen, senior, and Colleen Collins, sophomore. Rathjen was the winningest pitcher in MHS history, and she led the Pirates to 12 victories.

"Colleen and I are very close, and I'm just as happy to see her win as I am to win a game myself. She has a great future," stated Rathjen.

The girls were challenged when MHS faced the tough Munster team, also unbeaten at the time. The Lady Pirates went on to another victory clenching the game by a 3-1 score.

Linda Gagola, junior, and Patty Spitz, senior, were able to display their hitting ability with a

home run and a double respectively.

Other season highlights included the game against the Crown Point. The Bulldogs led 3-0 until the third inning when the Pirates scored five runs. Julie Joseforsky, junior, had a 3-run triple, and Rathjen batted 3 for 4 including 2 RBI's.

Regular season play ended with Pirates applying a crushing blow to the Andean 59'ers, 24-0.

"This year has been great, not only because we won, but because we were really a team," concluded Patty Spitz, senior.

Lori Spradley



T RACK: Girls achieve personal bests



After three months of continuous practice and dedication, the girls track team began their season with only one senior.

The girl's credited their progressiveness to their hard work and an excellent coaching

staff.

"The harder you worked at practice, the better your times were during meets. Talent had a lot to do with it, but working to develop that talent fully was necessary. Having the good coaching staff that we have is also a

necessary asset," explained Sonja Trajkovski, junior.

The Pirates, however, had plenty of natural talent to accompany their hard work.

Reagan Plesha, junior, made use of practice time and received firsts in the discus and shotput in many meets during the season.

"My goal this year was to go down state. I went down last year without even expecting to, but this year I really wanted to go," stated Plesha.

In addition to Plesha, sophomore Nikki Modrak placed first in the 400 and 200-meter dash and 100-meter relay in almost every meet, and she qualified for state in three events.

"Nikki Modrak set a new con-

ference record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.9, and Reagan Plesha has also done exceptionally well all season in the discus and shot put, along with Cara Carrabine in the high jump," explained Steve Telfer, coach.

Although the girl's track team lacked experience and depth, individual performances and continuous improvement were obvious.

"Highlights of our season were the personal bests for each girl, and as a coach it was very pleasing to observe the improvement over the course of the season," concluded Coach Telfer.

Candy Rathjen



Photo: Montrose Herald

Keeping a steady pace is Amy Gornic, freshman, and Liz Martinez, senior. Martinez was the only senior on the Pirate squad.

Bending up and over the bar is Cara Carrabine, sophomore. Carrabine won the high jump at the Duneland Conference meet with a jump of 5'3".



Girls Track — Front Row: Liz Martinez, Cindy Hyndler, Becky Stewart, Sherry Guernsey, Lisa Herbert, Tracy Fernandez, Carmen Gallegos, Tami Taber, Sonja Trajkovski, Amy Gornic. **Back Row:** Joe Atria, coach, Michele Gwerysak, Niku

Modrak, Alison McCollum, Lisa Benstein, Susan Christoff, Cara Carrabine, Reagan Plesha, Beth Hutchinson, Wendy Eaton, Jamie Hidsigo, Jeff Yetton, coach, Steve Telfer, coach.





1984-1985		
	MHS	OPP
Portage	41	68
Chesterton	31	78
Highland	66	43
Lafayette	41	68
Woburn	40	69
Valparaiso	42	67
Lake Central	54	55
M.C. Rogers	85	24



Getting a running start, Wendy Eaton, junior, prepares for the long jump. It was Eaton's first year in the long jump.

Gaining her momentum, Reagan Plesha, junior, starts her throw. Plesha performed well all season in the discus and shot put.

RACK: Four Pirates qualify for state



Hindered by injuries all season, the track team surpassed even their own expectations through dedication and hard work.

"We lost a lot of people to injuries but we did as well as expected or even better," com-

mented Brad Curcio, senior, who himself was hindered by injuries.

Despite setbacks, the team still had four state bound athletes, three seniors and one sophomore.

Mike Demakas, a senior qualifier, stated, "Dennis Bunda has been consistent and outstanding all season because of his determination and hard work throughout the year."

Bunda, senior, qualified for state in the long jump. Also,

placed in the regionals for the 400-meter dash.

"I can't say I've done my best because there is always room for improvement. I always believe in striving further than your goal," commented Bunda.

Louie Lopez, sophomore, qualified for state in the discus and shot events.

Fred Summers, senior, and Demakas qualified for state in the 300-meter low hurdles and long jump respectively.

The Pirates put a lot of hard work in their stride for a successful season.

"You can sum it up in one word, dedication. If you give 100 percent in any event, you can perform to the best of your ability during the meet," stated Don Rodgers, senior.

The MHS runners had high regard for their coaches and showed gratitude for their assistances, even though the practices were no "Sunday Picnic".

"You can only run the 300-meter and 400-meter low hurdles in the meets if you've left part of your body on the track in practice. It's the same for many events," added Curcio.

Brent Isenberg



Leading

the pack are sophomores Russ Madison and Tim Strzycek along with Lonnie Schrieber and Branko Semen. The Pirates won the dual meet against Portage.



Boys Track — Front Row: Tom Judge, Jim Dimitt, Don Deel, Branko Semen, Tom Kierzkowski, Mike Ely, Jim Keri, Russ Madison, Matt Good. **Second Row:** Shirley Smith, John Guzman, Jason Lunzard, Chris Zimmerman, Doug Mahler, Bill Tryaska, Jim Marinos, Lon Schrieber, Brad Curcio, Jeff

Morris. **Back Row:** Tim Strzycek, Michelle Taubert, Luffey Armontrout, coach, Lance Summers, Jim Lelch, Chuck Scates, Fred Summers, Lou Lopez, Scott Gronowski, Mike Demakas, Don Rodgers, Rob Schutts, Doug Langbehn, Dennis Bunda, Katie Lear, Greg Person, coach.

Leaping to victory, Dennis Bunda, senior, scores a successful jump. Bunda qualified for state in the long jump along with Mike Demakas, senior.





Sprinting around the corner, Jim Dimitri, junior, breaks away from the pack. Dimitri finished third in the mile relay during the sectional meet.

Keeping in form, Fred Summers, senior, runs the 300-meter low hurdles. Summers qualified for state in the lows.

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	79	48
Roosevelt	56	71
La Porte	76	51
Hobart	75	52
Vesperano	41	86
M.C. Rogers	92	35
Portage	43	84
Hobart Little 5	1st	
Chesterton Relays	4th	
Delphi Relays	2nd	
Griffin Relays	2nd	

ASEBALL: Pirates beat state ranked teams

The varsity baseball team started the season without the help of their two best returning pitchers.



Coach Bill Metcalf stated, "Our two best returning pitchers (Tim O'Shea and Steve Villigran) were injured before the season began."

Injuries plagued the Pirates as Chris Tobias, senior, and

Gerry Croarkin, junior, were forced to sit out a few games because of nagging injuries.

The Pirates dropped below the 500 mark while they searched for pitching. However, they did not lack hitting in their first eleven

games as they scored 69 runs.

Greg Banzen, junior, stated, "The pre-season batting in the cage really helped our hitting."

The highlight of the first half of the season came when John Wilczynski, junior, hit a homerun in the bottom of the seventh to beat fifth ranked Chesterton.

Brian Singer, senior, commented, "After we beat Chesterton, we knew we could play with anyone."

The Pirates finally found their pitching in Tobias, Croarkin, John Porzuczek, and John Croarkin, juniors. After the pitching improved, the Pirates went on a rampage winning their last 13 out of 16 games.

The second half of the season saw many exciting victories. One came when the Pirates buried Illi-

nois' number one ranked team, New Trier East, 8-2. Another highlight came when Brett St. Germain, senior, hit a three run homerun in extra innings to beat a tough Hobart team.

St. Germain, said, "I didn't think it was going out."

Certainly the biggest thrill of the season was when the Pirates beat number one ranked LaPorte to share the conference championship. In conference play, the Pirates posted four shutouts.

Wilczynski, commented, "I think the shutouts reflect how our pitching has improved throughout the year."

The Pirates ended the year with an 18-9 record.

Eric Ban



J.V. Baseball — Front Row: Joe Anaya, Chris Gustafson, Russ Tobias, Rick Farnas, Jaime Miralles, Bill Zikos, James Ison, Ray Farnas, Mike Barton. **Back Row:** Bill

Mackie, coach, Phil Michael, Andy Govert, Marty Miller, Jon Lee, Billy Gomez, Tony Aznar, John Runions, Brian Randat.



Varsity Baseball — Front Row: Steve Wik, Rich Day, John Porzuczek, Dave Scott, Greg Banzen, Chris Samson, Brian Singer, Randy Wylie. **Back Row:** Bill

Metcalf, coach Tim O'Shea, Mike Lester, John Croarkin, Jim Cunningham, John Wilczynski, Chris Tobias, Brett St. Germain, John Marston, Gerry Croarkin.



Connecting on the ball, John Wilczynski, junior, hits a homerun at Hobart. The Pirates lost the game, 9-4.



Running to first base, Tim O'Shea, senior, sprints after hitting the ball to right field. The Pirates posted four shutouts in conference play.



FINAL FIGURES

	MHS	OPP
Gary West	4	5
Hammond High	8	0
Hammond High	9	0
E.C. Washington	17	6
Highland	5	8
Chesterton	9	0
Portage	3	19
Andrian	13	13
Andrian	5	9
Hobart	4	12
LaPorte	2	3
LaPorte	6	0
M.C. Rogers	3	2
Valparaiso	8	8
New Tarr East	13	7
Evansston	11	3
Chesterton	12	3
Portage	6	7
Hobart	3	0
Crown Point	11	3
Crown Point	11	2
Rensselaer	4	0
LaPorte	3	0
M.C. Rogers	1	1
Valparaiso	5	2
Calumet	1	2
Bishop Noll	1	0
Munster		0

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Leading off first base, Rich Day, junior, awaits the pitch. The Pirates finished 18-9 for the year.

Laying back on a pitch, Chris Tobias, senior, prepares himself to hit the ball. Tobias pitched an excellent game at LaPorte holding the number one ranked team to only two runs.



Varsity Football — **Front Row:** Dawn Mungrove, Kelly Blake, Amy Roberts. **Back:**

Row: Mary Kate Hill, Mary Ann Vitanovski, Susan Lex. Not pictured: Shen Sohacki.



J.V. Football — **Front Row:** Karen Krizan, Cara Carabine. **Second Row:** Debbie

Galka, Tracy Wicks. **Back Row:** Lisa Marovich, Ann Mastocci.

Zawada



Leading the cheers at the pep rally for the girls gymnastics team is Sheri Sohacki, Tracy Schneider, and Mary Kate Hill, seniors. The girls also cheered for football and basketball games.

SPIRIT: Squads promote school pride, spirit



No pep sessions. No enthusiasm. No fun? No way!

As the school year went on, the interest in MHS spirit lessened. The "real" fans stuck by their team and cheerleaders and even joined the new "East Side Club," which

helped to promote involvement in school activities.

"The East Side Club helped to get a few more people willing to

get involved and attend the games," stated Tracy Schneider, senior.

MHS cheerleaders continued to strive for enthusiasm at boy's and girl's basketball, volleyball and football games. The Pom Pon squad also assisted in building spirit.

Even though MHS spirit had slightly declined, the cheerleaders set their minds on making the best of the school year.

Beth Weger, senior stated, "It's hard to do much of anything without participation from the students, but we decided to try."

After attending summer camp, getting ideas from other cheerleaders, and continuous practice, the MHS cheerleaders set out to do more than just cheer. They decided to strive for originality.

"We tried to make up poems and songs to say on the loud speaker at school for the guys to get them psyched up for the games," stated Mary Ann Villanueva, senior.

Mary Kate Hill, senior, added, "We also threw megaphones, footballs and basketballs into the crowd. We figured it was one way to wake them up!"

Candy Rathjen



J.V. Basketball — Front Row: Lisa Marowich, Karen Khuzan, Ann Mistouiss.

Back Row: Lara Buck, Debbie Gaska, Tracy Wase.



Girls Basketball and Volleyball — Helen Lajos, Dawn Porter, Lisa Navratil, Kelle

Howard, Laura Parkhurst. Not pictured — Cheri Huff, Jenny Utley, Leah Mehoy



Pom Pons — Front Row: Cheryl Vana, Jean Tascas, Karen Pearson, Christine Psaros, Lisa Tidwell, Katie Lear, Tina Carrigan, Diane Torres. Second Row: Jennifer Destanick, Marie Anaya, Connie Belshaw, Sandy Hamilton, Krissy Trakas, Traci Tamaunas, Alicia Rios. Third Row:

Anna Marie Turpa, Michelle Schmidt, Wendy Eaton, Kelly Stiener, Heather Kirk, Vera Todorovich, Evette Santiago, Raquel Rios. Back Row: Lisa Stedman, Jill Lamfalusi, Christine Sobierajski, Christine Taskoff, Susan Galoozis, Kathy Marks.

WHAT'S WHAT?

PEOPLE

1,504.

A pretty big number if you stopped to think about it.

It was 1,504 people that made up MHS in 1986.

Things sometimes got a little confusing, being only one in 1,504, but with such a variety of students, it was impossible to feel left out.

"It was a lot of fun meeting new people and starting new friendships," commented Susan Galoozis, sophomore. "In a way though, it was a lot like junior high — starting all over again."

1,504.

Out of those 1,504 people we found our teammates, lab partners, heart throbs and closest friends.

We all tried to make the best of the situation, to have some fun — somehow.

"When things got boring, my friends and I wrote notes, played with McDonald's penny racers and the Wacky Wall Climbers from Fruit Loop packages," revealed Tammy Barkauskas, junior.

What ever it took, right?

"We just told a lot of jokes," stated Linda Shesto, sophomore.

But we did have a serious side though, and when it counted, we managed to pull off some semi-amazing things.

"All the kids here got along pretty well," said Linda Walsh, senior. "We usually managed to somehow succeed at whatever we set out to do."

1,504.

What was what while we were still all together?



Directing the Senior Class in the annual "Super Picture," the photographer tries to put the 466 students into some order. The taking of the "Super Picture," was a sure sign that the end was near for the Class of '86.

Best friends in school and out, Jenny Bailey, senior, and Colleen Collins, junior, are known to do almost everything together. They proved that best friends are the basis of great high school memories.



College entrance applications 'boggle the mind'

Name _____
last first

Address _____
street city state

Phone _____
area code number

SS# _____

This form probably looked too familiar to seniors.

Applying to colleges was more than just sitting down and filling out a form. Much preparation was needed even before the application was filled out.

First of all, college choices

were narrowed down to the top three.

"Even though I knew I wanted to go to Ball State, I still filled out a second and third application just in case I was not accepted at Ball State," stated Cami Guba, senior.

Secondly, taking the dreaded SAT was most essential. This test was the most used for Indiana colleges. It measures abilities mostly in math and English. Most students take the SAT more than once depending on the scores they previously received.

"I took the SAT three times. I did better the second and third time, because I was well pre-

pared and knew what to expect," commented Brad Curcio, senior.

Counselors were very busy with frequent visits from students. Most of the time seniors discussed future college plans and asked for help with filling out the application to make a favorable impression on the college.

"Besides the couple of hours it took me to fill out the application itself, I spent a lot of time talking to Mrs. Matysiak, my counselor, about the right college choice," stated Rich Lesniak, senior.

"When I filled out my applications, I wanted to impress the colleges, so I asked my counselor for help. I had to make sure that I

sounded intelligent and produced an acceptable product," commented Katie Lear, senior.

Choosing a college to benefit the student was not an easy process. Many hours were put in so students would have a bright future.

"I haven't started thinking about my college plans yet, but I know I have to start seriously considering what college I want to attend," stated Michelle Dudak, sophomore.

Although the actual writing process was done, the hardest part was waiting for the acceptance or denial letter. Nervousness and tension began to set in until the letter arrived.

"After I sent in my application, I began to get anxious waiting to see if I was accepted. I began to check the mailbox everyday. It was worse than waiting for my SAT results," stated Sheri Sohacki, senior.

"When I received my acceptance letter from Ball State, I started jumping around and had to call someone to tell them the exciting news, but no one was home!" explained Tina Carrigan, senior.

Karen Dudak

Discussing his possible future with the military, John Guzman, senior, talks with one of the recruits. A military future was a choice among many MHS students.



Borden

Twenty five things to do before you leave MHS

1. Compliment Baretta on his professional traffic directing abilities.
2. Come to school late, look the attendance secretary straight in the eye, and tell her that you have *absolutely no excuse*.
3. Be tardy to every one of your classes for one day.
4. Dare to drink out of the drinking fountains in the halls.
5. Listen to the announcements and critique the announcer's grammar.
6. In between classes, walk as slowly as possible and see how many people direct angry remarks at you.
7. When in the cafeteria line, take five minutes to decide what you want.
8. Tell the cashier at the end of

the line that you want all your change in 1972 wheat pennies.

9. Argue with the cashier over the price of the orange drink.
10. Go through all the "Rolling Stone" magazines in the school library and tear out pictures of the best looking girls/guys you see.
11. Vent all your frustrations on the juniors in the Powder Puff game.
12. Tell your math teacher what you *really* think of his/her pop quizzes.
13. Sneak out of your fourth hour class with a bathroom pass. Proceed down to the cafeteria. Once there, buy three packs of Little Debbie's for your friends back in class. Then, get back to your class without getting caught.

14. Wear what the administrators would call "a questionable piece of clothing."
15. Cut through the library courtyard, grab a handful of snow and throw it at someone — anyone walking down the hall.
16. Fake a leg injury in order to get out five minutes early from each class.
17. Try to keep your student handbook for longer than just the first week of school.
18. Have your little brother or sister call in to say you'll be absent.
19. Tell the know-it-all bookworm in your least favorite class that at least your Saturday night's aren't spent at the library.
20. When asked why you did something, reply "Because

I'm a senior, that's why!"

21. Convince your parents to let you go away to IU, Purdue or Ball State for the weekend. (To learn about their academic program, of course.)
22. Get enough tardies to be sent to detention — just to see what it's like.
23. Tell your guidance counselor that you'd seriously like to pursue a career in the adult bookstore field.
24. Write your senior will and burn anyone who even looked at you the wrong way.
25. Stop a minute and remember all the good times and all your good friends.

Kris Zimnawoda

What's up?

"I would do away with the alcant line, said **Bob Nicksic**, senior.

"Take out all of the sophomores," said **Jeff Tomb**, senior.

"Pass a law that teachers can not assign homework," said **Kathi Crowder**, senior.

"Change the starting time because it is too early," said **Brad**

Janet Clarke, senior.

"A full hour of lunch instead of half an hour," said **Donna Zai-kos**, senior.

"Give seniors bigger lockers," said **Liz Martinez**, senior.

"Let us out of school a week before graduation," said **Mike Randall**, senior.

What would you do to change MHS?

Curcio, senior.

"I would change the students' attitudes about the school because they have no spirit," said

"Make the passing time between classes 10 minutes instead of 6," said **Sue Hofferber**, senior.

Students visit 'to party'

As the last bell rang on Friday, most students anxiously left MHS. But, some MHS students were even more eager to depart the school. These students were leaving for a fantastic college weekend.

MHS students went to colleges to visit brothers, sisters, and that someone special. While students were visiting colleges, they found out what college life was really like.

"I went down to IU to see my boyfriend, and when it came time to leave, I hated to say goodbye," said, **Frankie Kowal**, senior.

Lisa Funder, senior, said, "I went down to Ball State to see my sister, but also to get a taste

of college life."

"Dan Jenks and I had a great time when we went to see my brother at the University of Evansville," added **Chris Cochran**, senior.

Not all students go to colleges "just to party." Some students go to see what the college campus is like. This is how many students make their choice on where to go to college.

George Santiago, senior, said, "I went to Manchester college to view the campus. I plan on going to Manchester next year."

After being at a college all weekend, some students found it hard to have fun in Merrillville on weekends.

Chrissy Figueroa



"I think that the greatest honor of being Senior class president was representing our graduating class at commencement."

Brad Curcio, Senior

Senior Class Officers — **Chris Cochran**, vice president; **Sheri Schacki**, treasurer; **Lisa Funder**, secretary; and **Brad Curcio**, president.

What made you think you had 'senioritis'?

Seniors

"When I took my first test of the school year," **Mary Lee Kincaid**, senior.

"When I never wanted to do my homework and all I thought about was next year at Purdue," **Janet Clarke**, senior.

"When doing my homework didn't matter, but doing everything else did," **Jenny Hal-kias**, senior.

"Second semester of my sophomore year," **George Angelov**, senior.

"When I'd rather go out than do my homework," **Kathy Kendt**, senior.

"When I wasn't doing any studying and my grades were going down," **Mike Dinatale**, senior.

"My attendance record," **Joe Spurlock**, senior.

"All I thought about was getting through this year," **Lisa Olejnik**, senior.

"When I didn't want to do my homework until the hour before the class," **Leanne Bell**, senior.

"I did less and less homework everyday," **Dave Hrabrich**, senior.

"When I figured out I only had one year left," **Kristi Wright**, senior.

"An urge to get out of Merrillville," **Lynn Drennan**, senior.

"It just happened," **Frank Grynovich**, senior.

"It just hit me out of the blue one day," **Sandy Manis**, senior.

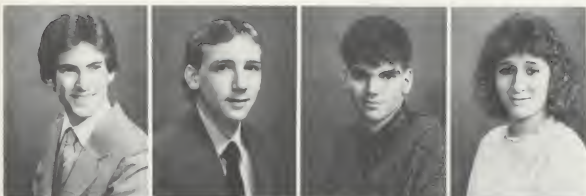
"When I started filling out college applications," **Mark Antala**, senior.

Juliene Adams — Choir 9; FHA 10, officer 11. **Kim Albach** — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 11. **Ed Alexander. John Allen** — Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.

Alisa Ampeliotis. Scott Anderson — Choir 9; Fall Play 9; Review 11, 12; Track 9; Wrestling 9. **George Angelov** — Chess Club 9, 10, 11, officer, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Tennis 11, 12; Academic Decathlon 12. **Mark Antala** — German Club 12.

Mary Arena — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, captain 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 11; Senior Band Representative. **Jenny Bailey** — Basketball 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10. **Jodie Baisden. Antoinette Lea Banashak** — Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Volleyball 10, 11, 12.





Michael Barnack — Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track 9. **Allen Bartley**. **Tim Beird**. **Sherry Belinsky**.



Leanne Bell — Band 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Revue 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Sunshine Society 10, 11, officer 12; Thespians 12. **Brigitte Belmonte** — Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Computer Club 9; Student trainer 11, 12; East Side Club 12; Football manager 10; Volleyball 9. **Sylvie Belmonte**. **Timothy Benson**.



Melissa Berrier — Choir 9, 10. **Lisa Michelle Berry** — Chess Club 12. **Amy Best**. **Tim Bianco** — Basketball 9, 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 11; Tennis 10.



Karen Binns — FHA 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Yearbook 12. **Michelle Renee Bishop** — Choir 9; Powder Puff 12. **Jim Bittner** — Football 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Student Council 9; Track 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Class President 11. **Amy Black** — Choir 9; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.



Julia Blackburn — A.V. Club 9. **Kelly Blankinship**. **Joe Bono**. **Ernie Boorazic** — Earth Science Club 9; Newspaper 9.

Yvonne C. Boone — Choir 9; Golf 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9.
Laura Bova — Basketball 9. **Beth Bowen.** **Don Brandt.**



Andre Breault. **Rebecca Brooks** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Volleyball 11; Yearbook 9. **Jeff Brown** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 10; Vocalteens 11, 12. **Mia K. Brownell** — Choir 9, 10; Velveteens 11, 12; OEA Business Manager 12; Newspaper Business Manager 12.



Tina Bryant — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12. **Joe Budner** — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9. **Michele Bull.** **Dennis Bunda** — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Junior Achievement 12.



Dan Burns — Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9. **Ritchie Cain.** **Marie Cammarata.** **Richard R. Cannon** — Orchestra 9, 10; Tennis 11, 12; Wrestling 10.



Jennifer D. Cantu — Choir 9; Powder Puff 11. **Tina Capua** — FHA 12; Swimming 11; Volleyball 9. **Donald Carlson.** **Tina M. Carrigan** — Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10; Pom pons 9, 10, 11, captain 12; Quill & Scroll 11, treasurer 12; Spanish Club 11; Student Council 9, 11; Yearbook 11, 12.





Rodney M. Chiabai — Baseball 9, 10, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9. **Geoff Chidsey** — Honor Society 11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Academic Decathlon 11, 12. **Matthew Churilla**. **Steve Civanich** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9.

Janet Ann Clarke — Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; Natinal Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 11; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Yearbook 9; Operation Pride Committee 11; Big Sister 11, 12. **Christopher S. Cochran** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Mr. Football 12; Football 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Vice President 12. **Mick Comerod** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Andrew Constantinides** — Yearbook 12; Quill & Scroll 12.

Brenda L. Cookston — Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12. **Bill Costakis** — Wrestling 9. **Kathi Crowder** — Cross Country 10; Newspaper 9; Track 9, 10, 11. **Colleen Cruz**.

What does being 18 mean to you?

Seniors

"A half of a year until college," **Denny Bunda**, senior.

"Getting out of the house and getting a good job," **Jeff Tomb**, senior.

"I'm really legal," **Bess Ferrerinos**, senior.

"Nothing," **Tim Ellis**, senior.

"Responsibility," **Deno Tants**, senior.

"I don't know, I'm not 18 yet," **Jenny Gojmerac**, senior.

"I'm going to move out," **Kevin Mowery**, senior.

"I can get into trouble with the law," **Harry Gornick**, senior.

"I'm only three years away from bar hopping," **Tom Mageria**, senior.

"Nothing different except I'm not 17 anymore," **Joe Spurlock**, senior.

"Being able to do whatever I want," **Paul Kardoulas**, senior.

"I'll be on my own soon," **Janet Clarke**, senior.

"I'd better stay out of trouble," **Chuck Klingaman**, senior.

"Getting ready to go to college," **Donna Zaikos**, senior.

"I don't have to wear my Dr. Denton pajamas anymore," **Pat Hoyt**, senior.

"No longer an iron clad midnight curfew," **Russ Ippolito**, senior.

"My ten year warranty has expired," **Ernie Bodrazic**, senior.

"Getting out of school," **Lenee Cozmanoff**, senior.

"Being legal and paying car insurance," **Sheri Zinkovich**, senior.

"More freedom and a greater sense of responsibility," **Susie Lax**, senior.

Savo Cucuz — Soccer 10, 11, 12.
Christine Cunningham — Cross Country 11; Golf 10; Pom Pons 9; Track 10, 11, 12. **Bradley Curcio** — Football 10, 11, 12; Basketball Homecoming Court 10, 11; Honor Society 11, Officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Samantha Dalkilic** — Basketball 9, 10; Golf 10, 11, 12; Football Homecoming Queen 12; Pom Pons 9.

Allen Daniel — A.V. Club 9. **William P. Daniels** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra — 9, 10, 11, 12; Revue 10, 12. **Eileen Dawson** — Choir 9, 10; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12. **Paul DeStefano** — Chess Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Revue 10, 11, 12; Junior Achievement 10.

Michael Demakas — Football 10, 11; Basketball 10; Baseball 10; Track 10, 11, 12. **Tim Demmon, Micheal Dinatale** — Choir 9; Football 9; National Junior Honor Society 9; Student Council 12; Tennis 10, 12; Wrestling 10. **Mike DiPaola.**



What will you be doing in the year 2000?

Seniors

"I'll be a trim, 150 pounds, and have my own TV exercise show," **Vakis Potamianos**, senior.

"I'll be broke, living in a garbage can in Hollywood and married to Heather," **Steve Kish**, senior.

"I'll be nursing the sick back to healthy in one of the most prestigious hospitals," **Lisa Funder**, senior.

"I'll be married and have 3 boys and a girl. I'll be an accountant making \$75,000 a year. I'll be living in a quad level house with 6 bathrooms," **Danny Kvachkoff**, senior.

"I'll have 600 illegitimate sons, making money by being the ringleader in the mafia", **George Santiago**, senior.

"I would be the first female senator of Indiana," **Demi Dubowski**, senior.

"Working as a state police officer in Indiana," **Don Rogers**, senior.

"I don't even know what I'll be doing next week, much less 14 years from now," **George Mohoi**, senior.

"Throwing parties at my own house," **Shawn Gallagher**, senior.

"Running for President in 2004 and killing more of my ninth grade teacher's fish,"

Dave Hrabrich, senior.

"Probably still going to school," **Mike Dinatale**, senior.

"I'll be running a multi-million dollar ski resort in Colorado or Vermont," **John Sukta**, senior.

"I'll be in my house in the Bahamas with my wife, and my kids will be in Europe for school," **Bucky Randall**, senior.



Dwayne Dittoe, **Dragica Djinoovich**, **Ana Dobrijevic** — French Club 9; Pom pons 9; Student Council 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Builders Club 9. **Sheri Doeing**.

Angela M. Donahue — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 10; Powder Puff 12; Quest Club 10; SADD 11, 12. **John Drake** — Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Yearbook 9; Academic Decathlon 12. **Lynn Drennan** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10; Flag Corps 12; German Club 10, 11, officer 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 10; Revue 12; Spring Play 11; Thespians officer 10, 11; Track 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12. **Demi Dubowski** — Cheerleading 9, 10; Choir 9; Quest Club 12; YAC Club 9.

Karen L. Dudak — Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming court (Basketball) 10, Queen 11; Homecoming court (Football) 12; Honor Society officer 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Queen 11; Student Council 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12. **Donald Le Dunn** — Choir 9. **David Dziewicki** — Football 9, 10; Honor Society 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Kara Suzanne East** — Choir 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12; East Side Club 12.

Timmy Ellis — Football 9, 10. **Linda Eisner** — Yearbook 11, 12. **Tammy Erdellas** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 12; Vocalteen 11, 12; Drama Club 11; East Side Club 12. **Naomi Espravnik** — Powder Puff 12.

Daniel J. Evans, **Ken Evanyo** — Swimming 9. **Diane Favretto** — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 11. **Bess Ferentinos** — Choir 9, Drama Club 10, 11; Soccer manager 12.

Joe Ferkull — Basketball 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 9.
Janet Fernandez — A.V. Club 9; Cheerleading 11; German Club 10; Pom pons 9; Quest Club officer 12; Junior Achievement officer 10; East Side Club 12. **Cynthia Feterick** — Band 9; Newspaper 9; Drama Club 10.
Susan Filipowicz.

John Flannery. Sheri Fraley — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; Revue 12; Spring Play 11, 12; Thespians 12; Velveteens 11, 12. **D. Michael Fryer** — Football 9; Basketball 9. **Lisa René Funder** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 10; Student Council 12; East Side Club 12; Class Secretary 12; Homecoming Queen (Basketball) 12.

Shawn Gallagher. Deanean Gallo — FHA 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Dora A. Garcia** — Choir 9; Fall Play 9; Pom pons 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; Spring Play 9; Track 9. **John Garcia** — Chess Club 9, 10, officer 11; Earth Science Club officer 11; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; Student Council 10, 11, officer 12; Tennis 12; Academic Decathlon 11; Hoosier Boys State Alternate 11.

Susan Garden — Newspaper 9; Pom pons 9; Yearbook 9. **Anne Garza. Lisa Jean Gatlin** — Choir 9; Golf 10; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 12; Tennis 11. **David Gee.**

Karie Geib. Melissa George — Choir 9; French Club 10; Thespians 10, 11, officer 12. **Dan Gerlach** — Choir 9. **Margie Gianikos** — Basketball 9; Choir 9; French Club 10; Newspaper 9, 11, editor 12; Powder Puff 12; Quill & Scroll 11, officer 12; Student Council 10; Swimming 9, 10, 11; East Side Club 12; Class Treasurer 10.



What is the worst thing about being a senior?

Seniors

"Leaving all of your friends to go to college," **Frankie Kowal**, senior.

"You don't have another year of high school to look forward to," **Fred Summers**, senior.

"Government and Economic class," **Sue Garden**, senior.

"Not having another chance

to win it all down at the IUPUI stadium," **Mike Demakas**, senior.

"Having to worry about which college to attend and having to get a job," **Mike Luczak**, senior.

"It's the last year of our public school career and 90% of our friends we'll never see again," **Rick Keneson**, senior.

"Having to think about starting four more years of school," **Brian Hixon**, senior.

"Not being able to get out of school early after putting forth 12 years," **Mary Ann Mathis**, senior.

"Not having the week off before regular school gets out," **Russell Ippolito**, senior.

"You don't get a second chance at doing things you always wanted to do but never did," **George Mohoi**, senior.

"That you know a whole new set of problems are going to be waiting for you next year," **Rich Lesniak**, senior.

"Having to leave this wonderful and great institution," **Tim Bianco**, senior.



Jerry Gilles, **Brenda Glibota**, **Pete Goad** — Swimming 10; Track 9; Ski Club 12. **Jenny Gojmerac** — Powder puff 11, 12.

Christina L. Gomez — Choir 9; Office Education Association 12; COE president 12. **Tracy Lynn Goodman** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9, 10; Revue 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10; Yearbook 9; Velveteens 11, 12; Big Sister 11, 12. **Carol Gruber** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10; Revue 11, 12; Thespians 10, officer 11. **Frank Grynovich** — Football 9, 10, 11; Class President 10.

Cami Guba, **Bob Gustafson**, **John Guzman**, **Jenny Halkias** — Choir 9; Spanish Club 10.

What will you remember most about your senior year?

Seniors

"Eating lunch with Chuck, Tom, and Dave," **Janet Fernandez**, senior.

"My friends by the auto mechanics hall because we've met there for the past three years," **JoAnne Waldrop**, senior.

"All the great parties that went down because they were

the best. Plus, the Buckster and Lisa made the school year almost worthwhile," **Dave Scott**, senior.

"Being asked out to Prom by Don Rodgers because he's so special," **Lisa Neis**, senior.

"All the fun and crazy times that my friends and I have had and not getting caught," **Heidi Yonker**, senior.

"All the great times with my friends because if you don't get into trouble then life isn't any fun," **Joe Budner**, senior.

"The second match I wrestled at state," **John Allen**, senior.

"Meeting Don Rodgers and training with him for triathlons because if I wouldn't have

met him, I'd probably weigh close to 280 lbs. by now. I would never have known the satisfaction, pride, and pain you feel during the race," **Dave Dziewicki**, senior.

"The night that we beat Crown Point in football for the Sectional Championship," **Chris Cochran**, senior.

Mark Hamilton — Football 9, 10; Swimming 10, 11, 12. **Rick Hendrickson** — Choir 9; Football 9, 11; Honor Society 11; Track 9. **Stacy Higgins** — Spanish Club 10. **Mary Kathryn Hill** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, officer 10, 11, 12; Hoosier Girls State Delegate.

Dan Hines. **Barbara Lynn Hippie** — Creative Arts 11, officer 12; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Revue 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, officer 11; Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, officer 12; Academic Decathlon 11. **Brian Hixon** — National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Susan K. Hofferber** — Golf 10; Powder puff 11; Spanish Club 10.

Kim Horst — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11. **John Howerton**. **Dave Hrabrich** — Basketball 9; Academic Decathlon 12. **David M. Hudock** — Planetarium Staff 9.





Stewart Hunter, Milan Iglendza, Russell Ippolito, Brent D. Isenberg — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; Jr. National Honor Society 9; Student Council 12; Track 9; Yearbook 12.



Mark Jankowski — Swimming 10. **Joe Janusz** — Football 9, 10. **Branko Jasnica** — Football 10, 11, 12. **Robert Jen** — Track 9.



Dan Jenks, Mary Ann Jolevski — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9; French Club 10; Volleyball 9, 10. **Sandy Jones** — Quest Club 10, 11, officer 12. **Monty Jorgensen** — Tennis 12.



Jeff Kacir — Swimming 10, 11. **Paul Kardoulis** — Football 9; Quest Club 12; Track 9. **Rita Kaschak** — Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Yearbook 9. **Joe Kasper** — Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11; Prom Court 11.



Karen Kasprzak — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11; Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 10. **Kevin W. Kaurich** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12. **Lynette Keegan** — Choir 9; Pom Poms 9; Powder Puff 12; Bookstore Worker 11, 12. **Mona L. Keele** — Powder Puff 10; Revue 12; OEA 12.

Cheri Kelley — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; Pom Pons 9. **Kathleen Kendt. Rick Keneson. Chris Kerulis** — Baseball 9, 10; Football 9, 10.

Lori Kidd. Jeanine Renee Kierzkowski — Cheerleading 11; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, captain 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12. **Stacey Kimmel. Mary Lee Kincaid.**

Steve Kish — Baseball 9, 10. **Chuck Klingaman. Melody D. Knop** — Basketball 10; Golf 11, 12; Track 9, 10. **Tracy Koenig** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 12.

Alexia Korakakis — Band 9, 10; Flag Corps 10; Orchestra 9; Pom Pons 9. **Pam Kosaris** — French Club 10; Yearbook 12. **Karen Kostyal** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 12; Thespians 12; SADD 12. **Frankie Kowal** — Cheerleading 10; Gymnastics 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12.

Mary Kozielski — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Quest Club 12, SADD 12. **James Krausnick. Brian Krecik. Carolyn Krecik** — Choir 9.





Vern Krutz — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9. **Karen Kuchta** — Powder puff 12. **Dan Kvachkoff** — Baseball 9; East Side Club 12. **Pete Lockey** — Choir 9; Football 9, 10.

Marina Lackovic. Nancy LaFoone — Basketball 9; Choir 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11; Track 9; Volleyball 10, 11, 12. **Anita Langbehn. Kim Lavolette.**

Jeff Law — Baseball 9, 10, 12. **Stacy Lynn Lawrence** — Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Softball 10; Student Council 9; Swimming 9, 11, 12; Jets Team 11; SADD officer 12. **Suzanne Lax** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; German Club 10; Newspaper 11, 12; Powder puff 11; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Diving 9, 10; Class Secretary 10, 11. **Katie Lear** — Choir 9; Gymnastics 9; Pep Club 9; Pom pons 9, 10, 11, captain 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Council 12; Boy's Track Statistician 10, 11, 12.

What irritates you the most?

Seniors

"Preps, they'll look at me differently because I wear leather and have long hair. They think I'm a low life because I'm a little different and don't have an alligator on my shirt." said **Bob Collins**, senior.

"When the security guards at Ayres follow you around the whole time you are there." said **Shawn Shultz**, senior.

"When teachers give a lot of homework on the weekends,

and I want to party," said **Randy Wyllie**, senior.

"When guys deny that they've gone out on a girl, and in fact they have," said **Laury Smith**, senior.

"When someone says they will do something, then they don't," said **Nicole Lee**, senior.

"When I wake up in the morning knowing I forgot to do something, and its usually my homework," said **Tammy O'Donley**, senior.

"Someone constantly calling me on the phone," **Mike Yakubec**, senior.

"New wave music and anyone who listens to it," **Roger Massey**, senior.

"Young people who chew," **Angie Donahue**, senior.

"When people don't listen to me," said **Paul Santos**, senior.

"When people always think they know what we are going to say," said **Brian Singer**,

senior.

"When my mom turns the light on in the morning," said **Tracy Schuck**, senior.

"Going to school and doing work," said **Bob Pavot**, senior.

"When I don't see my boyfriend," said **Susie Laughead**, senior.

"I can't stand when people talk behind my back," said **Heidi Yonker**, senior.

Jeff Lee — Band 9, 10, 11, 12. **Nicole Lee**. **Steve Leka**. **Arthur Leon**.



Brian Lepley — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 10, 11, 12. **Rich Lesniak** — Golf 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10, 11; Homecoming Prince (Basketball) 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 12. **Donna Lewandowski**. **Michael Lisch** — Basketball 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Wrestling 10, 11.



James Lisek. **Kevin Lockridge** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 11, 12. **Gwyn Lopez**, **Mark R. Lucas** — Wrestling 10, 11.



What would you be if you could be anything and why?

Seniors

"I would want to be a famous actress for the fame and wealth," **Sheila Yonker**, senior.

"I would want to be rich so I could get whatever I wanted," **Randy Wyllie**, senior.

"I would want to be rich, so I could flaunt my money," **Erik Miner**, senior.

"I'd like to be a race car driver because of the thrill," **Jeff Zurawski**, senior.

"I'd want to be a piece of chewed up bubble gum stuck under a table at the snack bar at Venture," **Tim Ellis**, senior.

"I would want to be a millionaire, so I could have everything I wanted," **Lisa Modrak**, senior.

"I would want to be rich because I love money," **Tina Wristen**, senior.

"I would want to be Paul Westerberg of the replace-

ments because he's cool," **Bob Nicksic**, senior.

"I would want to be Spider Man because that's the closest I'd ever get to flying and he's got guts," **Chuck Tipton**, senior.

"I would want to be wealthy because that's the life," **Tammy Erdelles**, senior.

"I would want to be Sammy Hagar because I can't drive fifty-five," **Tim Bianco**, senior.

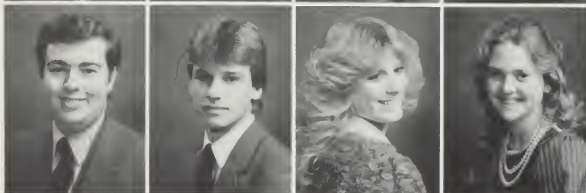
"I'd want to be a pilgrim, so then I could be nice to everybody," **Mary Jolevski**, senior.

"I would want to be well off and have a nice house with a dog," **Stephanie Soltis**, senior.

"I'd be rich so I wouldn't have to work for the rest of my life," **Curt Sylwestrowicz**, senior.



Mike Luczak, Viola Luttinen, Christie Lynn — Honor Society 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom Pons 9; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Tom Magiera**.



David Magry — A.V. Club 11; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Student Council 9. **Brian Majcher** — Football 10; Track 9. **Cathleen Maloney** — Choir 9, 10. **Sandy Manis** — Creative Arts 12; Quest Club 10; SADD 12; Sunshine Society 10, 11, officer 12.



Jeffrey A. Manjarrez — Chess Club 9, 12; Choir 9; Spanish Club 11. **Michelle Marovich, John Marson** — Baseball 10; Football 9; Basketball 9; Big Brother 11. **Liz Martinez** — Choir 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.



Darleen Maryonovich — Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Tamara Massow** — Powder Puff 11, 12. **Mary Ann Mathis** — Choir 9; Powder Puff 12; Tennis 10, 11. **Patrick J. McCoy** — A.V. Club 11, 12; Boys Basketball Statistician 9; Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12; FE 11, 12; Pep Club 10; Quest Club 10, 11, officer 12; Soccer 10; Spring Play 10, 11; Thespians 11; Campus Life 12.



Robert McGuckin, Wayne McMilian — Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Yearbook 9. **Stacy Mecchia, Diane Marie Metcalf** — Basketball 10; Cross Country 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; Track 9, 10, 11.

Peter Metlov. Thomas Midgett — Football 9, 10, **Jason C. Mikulka** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11; Swimming 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12, **Terence Miller**.



Erik Miner — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Prom King 11; Track 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12, **Michelle Mitchell** — FHA 10, 11, officer 12; Quest Club officer 12; Junior Achievement 10, **Lisa Modrak** — Pom Pons 9; Swimming 10, **Jacqueline K. Mohamed** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; SADD 11, 12.



George Mohoi — J.V. Football 9, 10, 11; **Kenneth M. Moore. Susan Moore** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 10, officer 11; Spanish Club 10. **Pamela Morris**.



Kevin Mowery — Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. **Kathy Murphy** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12. **Marcia Nau-moski** — Choir 10; Fall Play 10; German Club 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12; Track 10; SADD 10, 12. **Lisa Neis** — FHA 10, 11, officer 12; Quest Club officer 12; Junior Achievement 10.

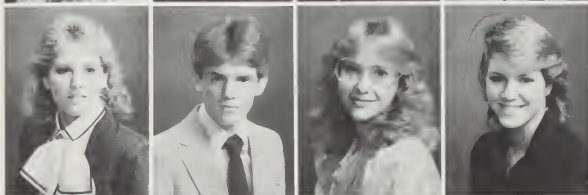


Robert P. Nicksic Jr. — Choir 9; Football 9; Quill & Scroll 11, 12 Review 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 12; Yearbook 11, 12. **Dusti Nunley** — Powder Puff 11; Volleyball 9. **Tammy O'Donley** — Student Council 9. **Timothy A. O'Shea** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Football 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9.

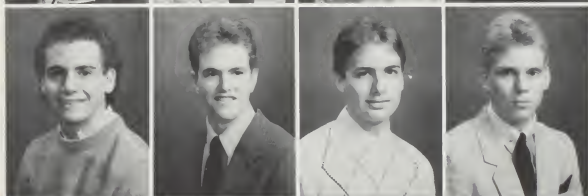




Lisa M. Olejnik — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, president 12; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10. **Nancy Otano. Rick Otano** — Wrestling 10. **Jon Scott Otterbacher** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 10, 11; German Club 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 9, 11; Boys Track 11, 12; Junior Achievement 10.



Robin Owen. David Padgett. Anthi Papagiannis. Barbara Parks — Basketball 10, 11; Choir 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Review 11, 12; Softball 10; COE vice president 12; Velveteens 11, president 12.



Robert Parpart. Bill Parsons — Band 9, 10. **Jeffery Pastor** — Chess Club 9, 10, 11; Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11. **George Pavel** — Football 9; Swimming 10, 11.



Andy Pavlopoulos — Choir 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 11. **Robert E. Pavot. Karen Pearson** — Choir 9; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 11, president 12. **Christine Perez** — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 10, 11; Pom Pons 9; Track 9; Volleyball 9.



Mary Peterson. Lisa Petroff — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12. **Neil B. Petroff** — Honor Society 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. **Fred Pet-salis** — Swimming 10, 11.

What do you think about going to school?

Seniors

"I liked seeing my friends and being with them every day," said **Lori Shinovich**, senior.

"I liked the stunning decor and conceptual design of the instructional media center," said **Bill Daniel**, senior.

"I liked seeing all of my friends everyday. Plus, I liked most of the teachers, because most of them get along good with the students," **Paul Santos**.

"I liked going to the football games, being in powder puff football and being with my friends," said **Kathy Murphy**, senior.

"I liked seeing my friends and my boyfriend everyday. I guess I liked the social aspect the best. The gourmet lunches in the cafeteria can't be forgotten either," said **Sue Hofferber**, senior.

"What I liked most about school was socializing with my friends and skipping lunch to go to Burger King," said **Kathi Crowder**, senior.

"I liked my friends and the teachers. My friends helped school to be fun and challenging," said **Michelle Slupczynski**, senior.

"I liked the student-teacher relationships at MHS. If a student made an effort, he could become friends with most teachers here; they really care," said **Lisa Olejnik**, senior.

"I liked socializing with all my friends. Also, it gave me the opportunity to learn in some areas," **Christie Lynn**, senior.

"It is really hard to say because there's not too much to like. However, I did like to see all my friends and learn a little too. Not too much though," said **Pete Goad**, senior.

"The only thing I liked about school was between classes, lunch and when the bell rang at 2:48," said **Jeff Kacir**, senior.

Trisha Phillips — Choir 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 10; Track 11; Bookstore 11, 12. **Steve Piaseczny** — Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 9; Academic Decathlon 12. **Joe Pluchinsky**. **Bryan Popa**.

George Poponas. **Brian Portlock** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9. **Vakis Potamianos**. **Shirley Price** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11; German Club 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Thespians 10, officer 11, officer 12.

Melissa Primich — French Club 10; Pom Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 10; Student Council 9, president, 10; Volleyball 9; Eastside Club 12. **Christine Pearos** — Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; Pom Poms 9, 10, 11, 12; **John Rachford** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12. **Michael Randall** — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 11.





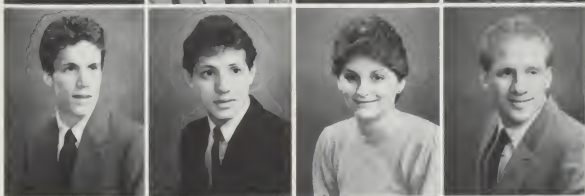
Diana Randhan — Choir 9; Newspaper 9; OEA Parliamentarian 12. **Candace Renee Rathjen** — Basketball 10; Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Yearbook 12. **Carrie Ann Regan, James Rey** — Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Academic Decathlon 12; JETS 11.



Jeff Rey — National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Kristine C. Reynolds** — German Club 10; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10; Yearbook 12. **Sheryl Riddle** — Choir 9, 10; Fall Play 10, 11; Student Council 10, 11; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Mark Riese**.



Lisa Riley, John Ring, Greg Risner, Jeff Robinson.



Donald Rodgers — Choir 9, 10; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Oscar Rodriguez, Kari Rondinelli** — Swimming 11. **Scott Rosenbalm** — Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10; Football 9; Golf 12; Track 9; Yearbook 9; YAC 9.



Timothy Rouhselang, Mark J. Runholt — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Revue 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 10, 11, 12. **Angie Rzetelny** — Pep Club 10; Spanish Club 11. **George Santiago** — Band 9; Football 9; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Spanish Club 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Track 9.

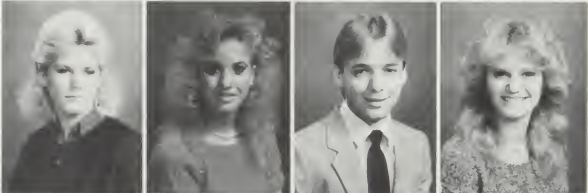
Scott Sapper, Christine Sarantis, Michael Scheffer, Tracy Schneider — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Quill and Scroll 12.



Tracy Schuck — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. **David L. Scott** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Choir 9; Creative Arts 12; FEA 11, officer 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Junior Achievement 12. **Rhonda Sebo, John J. Sekuloski** — Band 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9; Football 9; Pep Band 9, 10, 11.



Christine Shay, Lori Shinovich — Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12. **Richard Shirey, Michelle Sikula** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; French Club 10, 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10, Queen, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; Track 9, 10; Class Vice President 10.



Brian Singer — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Football 9, 10. **Michelle Slupczynski** — Choir 9; Sunshine Society 10, 11, officer 12. **Laury Smith** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Pom Pons 10; Powder Puff 12; Student Council 9, 10, officer 11, 12. **Tracy Smolar** — OEA 12.



Chris Sobczak, Sheri Sohacki — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Honor Society Officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Class Treasurer 11, 12. **Stephanie D. Soltis** — Choir 9, 10, 12; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Yearbook 9. **Patricia Spitz** — Softball 9, 10, 11, 12.





Harry Spott. **Lori Spradley** — Choir 9; Yearbook 12. **Joe Spurlock** — Band 9, 10, 11; Track 9. **Brett St. Germain** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12.



Paula Stefanelli — Pep Club 9. **John Steiner** — Golf 9. **Janet Stewart** — Band 9, 10, 11; Flag Corps 11; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; OEA officer 12. **Kerry Stone.**



Amy Stooksbury — French Club 10; Quill and Scroll 12; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9, 11; Powder Puff 10; Yearbook 11, 12. **John Sukta** — Ski Club 9. **Joseph Sukta** — Ski Club 9. **Daniel Sullivan** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12.



Freddy Summers. **Curt Sylwestrowicz.** **Dan Tants** — Football 10. **Keith Tarchala.**



Jean Tascas — French Club 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Yearbook 9. **Mark Tesanovich.** **Nicholas Thomas.** **Randy Thompson.**

What advice would you give to the underclassmen?

Seniors

"Don't screw up your classes, you'll regret it in the end," **Lisa Berry**, senior.

"Make your next three years the best," **Deanean Gallo**, senior.

"Don't worry, your senior year's the best," **Sue Hofferfer**, senior.

"Do what you feel because when high school's gone you don't have a second chance," **Bob McGuckin**, senior.

"Keep in touch with your friends, you may never see them again!" **Kelly Blankinship**, senior.

"Get out as quick as you can," **Jim Parker**, senior.

"Spread out your classes,

don't take them all your junior and sophomore years," **Dan Sullivan**, senior.

"Ditch as many classes as you can without getting caught," **Rosemary Rivera**, senior.

"Don't get in trouble," **Jeff Rey**, senior.

"Don't take hard classes," **James Rey**, senior.

"Get to know as many people as possible before you graduate," **Mark Riese**, senior.

"Participate because our school spirit is dying," **Melissa Primich**, senior.

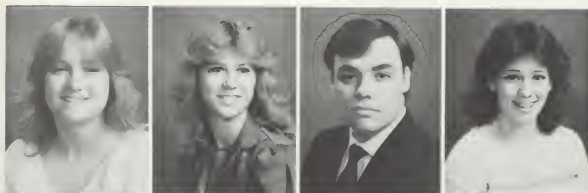
"Be friendly and open toward everyone. You have to study, but remember to have a good time, too!" **Mary Nau-moski**, senior.

Tina Thurman — FHA 12; Pep Club 9. **Lisa Tidwell** — French Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12. **Charles Franklin Tipton** — Baseball 9, 10; Football 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12. **Chris Tobias** — Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football 11, 12.

Brian Tomb — Band 9, 10, 11; Honor Society 9, officer 12. **Jeff Tomb** — Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11; Student Council 9. **Diane Torres** — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12. **John Torres**.

Michelle Traber — Cheerleading 9; Pom Pons 10, 11; Powder puff 11. **Wendy Troxel** — Choir 9; Gymnastics 9; Powder puff 12. **Rhonda Truitt** — FHA 12; Powder puff 12. **Danny M. Tsataros** — French Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 11; Student Council 10, 11.





Crystal Turner. Lisa Turnipseed — OEA 12. **Kevin Urbanczyk** — Drama Club 12. **Kerry Utpatel.**



Brian Vallese — Track 9; Wrestling 10. **Cheryl Vana** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 11; Pom Pons 9, 11, 12; Student Council 10; Pep Club 10; Drama Club 10. **Elizabeth Varela** — Pep Club 9, officer 10; OEA 12. **Rene Vasquez.**



Jeff Vendl. Joeleen Vician. **Christine Villaire** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9; Quest Club officer 10; Review 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 11, 12; Band Representative 10, 11. **Mary Ann Villanueva** — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Powder Puff 12; Softball 10, 11.

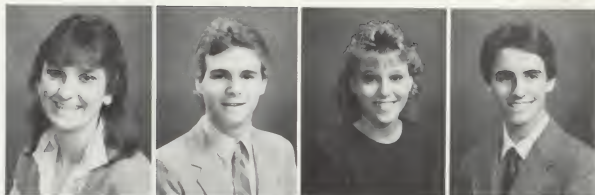


Adrienne Viramontes — Yearbook 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 11; Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Football Manager 9. **Thomas Vlasic.** **George Vulinovic** — Football 9. **Linda Walsh** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10; Pom Pons 9; Revue 10; Spring Play 10; Student Council 10, 11, 12.



Jeffrey A. Warren — Band 9; Prom Court 11. **Elizabeth Weger** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Arts 9; Powder Puff 10. **Corie Wilcox.** **Pam Wilczynski** — Basketball 10; Choir 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Softball 9, 10, 11; Student Council 9, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12.

Tammy Williams — Powder Puff 12.
Jason Wilson, Karen Wilson —
 Choir 9, 10; Pep Club 9. **Robert Wilt-**
fong — Choir 9.



Susan Winovich — Band 9, 10, 11,
 12; Flag Corps 12; National Jr. Honor
 Society 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11; Pom
 Pons 9. **Brian Wirtz** — SADD 10.
Candy Wojcik — Powder Puff 10, 11.
Kristin Wojkovich.



Jeff Wright, Kristi Wright — Foot-
 ball Manager 12; Powder Puff 12; Soft-
 ball 10, 11, 12; Volleyball Manager 11;
 Wrestling Manager 12. **Robert J.**
Wright — Choir 10, 11, 12. **Tina Wris-**
ton.



Randy Wyllie — Varsity Baseball 9,
 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Student
 Council 9. **Michael S. Yakubec** —
 Cross Country 10, 11; Track 10. **Geor-**
gine Yandris — French Club 9, 10;
 Tennis 10; Volleyball 10; Ski Club 9.
John Yerga.



Heidi Yonker — Computer Club 9;
 Creative Arts Club 12; Eastside Club
 12; FEA 11, Officer 12; Pep Club 9;
 Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest Club
 12; SADD officer 11, 12; Track 10;
 Junior Achievement 10. **Sheila**
Yonker — Band 9; Honor Society 12;
 National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pep Club
 9; Pom Pons 9; Sunshine Society 10,
 11, officer 12. **Donna Zaikos** — Hon-
 or Society 12; National Jr. Honor Soci-
 ety 9; Newspaper 9; Student Council
 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12;
 SADD 11, officer 12. **Beth Zandstra.**





Anthony Louis Zaradich — Band 9; Fall Play 10, 11; Football 9, 10; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12. **Mike Zaronias** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9. **Kris Zimmawoda** — Choir 9; French Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 11, officer 12; Student Council officer 9, 10, 11, officer 12; Yearbook Staff 11, Editor 12; Operation Pride 11; Handbell Choir 9. **Sheri Zinkovich** — Girls Golf 9, 10.



Jeff Zurawski — Football 10.

In Memory

Lee Musser
Oct. 17, 1967-Apr. 21, 1986

Not pictured

Seniors

Corey Akers
Deanna Baehler
Pamela Basile — Choir 9,
10, 11; Pep Club 9, 10;
Track 10.
Chris Batalis
Rick Beringer
Annette Bills
Kevin Bulla
Trevor Calhoun — A.V.
Club 9; Swimming 10.
Debbie Carpenter
Maria Christos —
Orchestra 9, 10.
Bobbie Collins
Lenae Cozmanoff
Carlos Cruz
Kenneth Cunningham
Richard D'Asto —
Swimming 10.
Mike Dee — Football 10,
11, 12; Student Council 9;
Wrestling 9.
Marilyn Dicharal
Donna Eaves
Steven Gallegos —

Wrestling 9, 10.
Gerald Gilles
Rolando Gonzalez
Harry Gornick — Baseball
9.
Michelle Guillen — Powder
Puff 10, 11.
Paula Guy
John Guzman
Tracy Higgins — Choir 9.
Shane Hise
Dave Howorth
Patrick Hoyt
Kathleen Huish — Powder
Puff 10.
Shelly Hutchens
Danny Jovic
Dragana Jovic —
Newspaper 9; Student
Council 10.
Steve Jones
Joyce Kimberling
Albert Kirk
Walter Kutanovski
Michelle Laughead
Susie Laughead — Choir

9; Pep Club 10; Quest Club
officer 12; Spanish Club 11.
Fernando Leon
Lynette Levenson
Angela Lopez — Choir 9;
Powder Puff 10, 11.
Mike Lucas
Roger Massey — Football
9.
Caesar Merced
Thomas Mestrovich
John Mikulich
Jonathan Miller —
Yearbook 12.
Martha Montgomery
Mary Moriarty
Brian Newman
Richard Nix
Vivian O'Dor
Mike Ortiz
James Parker
Carrie Parsons
Jill Pierce — Choir 9.
Jay Pollard
Scott Pruitt
Daniel Raehl

Dave Rhymer
John Rhymer
Brian Riley
Rosmary Rivera
Christine Rodgers
Josephine Santos
Paul Santos
Brian Sharp — Choir 10.
John Skoufezis
Ronald Smith
Ned Sormaz
Timothy Sullivan — Choir
9; Newspaper 12; Diving 10.
Michael Swinson
Sheryl Tenney
Kelly Travis
Paul Trpkovski
Adreianne Uzelac
Jill Valdes
Steve Vargas
Tiffany Vigland — Choir 9.
Joanne Waldrop
Bill Wheat
Linda Wzolek
Scott Zobel

What's up?

'Freedom' at age 16

Along with the excitement and freedom a driver's license brought, came the unrelenting desire for a car.

Many MHS students relied on their parents car to get back and forth to school and out on weekends, but this, of course, brought the inevitable conflict; Who got the car on Friday night, parent or student?

Jon Scott, junior, said, "Sometimes it is impossible to get the car when I need it. My parents have first priority and that can be very frustrating!"

Some students were lucky enough to have their own car and didn't have to go through that ever popular struggle of getting the car keys, but faced other problems instead.

There was a big price to pay for the freedom of your own car, unless parents saw fit to finance it.

Linda Gagola, junior, re-

marked, "Not only did my mom buy me a car, but she also pays for gas and insurance."

Most students who had their own car found it necessary to get an after school job to pay for the car's upkeep.

Other students went a step further than upkeep and invested in street machines.

Street machines are older model cars that have been fixed up with fast engines, bright paint jobs and wide back tires.

The MHS parking lot has been blessed with a variety of these such cars, including a 1968 Chevrolet, a 1969 Camaro, a 1973 Barracuda, along with various other unusual years and makes.

So, whether a car is a treat on special occasions, a responsibility, or a way of expressing new ideas, having a car almost always means a big taste of freedom.

Linda Elsner

As the 7:35 bell rang, everyone rushed to class. One class in particular was loud and unruly. A substitute teacher was sitting at the desk.

While a sub was in charge of the class, the students felt they could take advantage of the sub.

Doug Brown, junior, commented, "Usually I go sit by my friends and talk all hour. Most of the time, the sub does not care."

Without thinking about the next day, many students end up paying for the fun they had the day before.

Several teachers tried to avoid giving a complicated assignment. Therefore, teachers gave a shorter assignment, which allows more time for the students to talk.

Barb Koby, English teacher, replied, "Having to get a sub means I have to double up on my assignments the following day."

Jennifer Giacomini, junior, concluded, "I do anything and everything that I do not do when my teacher is there."

Many MHS students felt the same way and could not wait un-

If teacher's away, kids play

The majority of MHS students enjoyed having a sub, but there were a few who would rather have their regular teacher.

Shawn Gallagher, senior, explained, "The sub does not seem to have a full understanding of the subject."

Teachers were aware of what happens when a sub is filling in.

til the next time a sub was seen sitting at the teacher's desk, ready to begin class!

Sherry Guernsey

"Decorating the hall where juniors have their lockers gave us a chance to give a little something back to our fellow classmates."

Carl Jimenez,
Junior

Junior Class officers: Jane Maginot, treasurer; Carl Jimenez, president; Vera Todorovich, vice president; and Tony Veloski, secretary.



Five represent MHS at Boys/Girls State

Just when they thought social studies courses were over five juniors spent a full week, June 15 to June 22, at Indiana State University in Terre Haute for Girls and Boys State.

Five students were chosen from a list of juniors who achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average. Teachers selected three girls and two boys. Girls and boys state representatives were Karin Cook, Jill Lamfalusi, Reagan Plesha, Chris Abel and

Dave Maddack.

"I felt very honored to be chosen to participate in Girls State. I'm excited to go because I have heard so much about it," commented Lamfalusi.

The week started out with meetings and lectures, helping the students gain further and in-depth information about our government.

"Attending Boys State gave me a great chance to prepare myself for government class,"

said Abel.

The next three days were spent running for offices, creating towns and cities and making laws. Each person had the opportunity to run for an office in the town or city.

The dorms were divided by floors into individual towns or cities. The elections were similar to actual political elections with campaigning, speeches and voting being a part of the election.

Once the election was over,

the duties and responsibilities of the offices were carried out on Friday and Saturday.

"I thought it was neat to meet and make friends from other areas," commented Plesha.

When Sunday came around, it was time to say good-bye to all of the new friends. And, the students left with a better understanding of how our government operates, and a lot of great memories.

Sherry Guernsey

If you could create your date, what would he/she look like?

"Six feet, brown hair, bright green eyes, a great body and most important, a sweet personality," said **Stephanie Chirby**, junior.

"He would look exactly like Dolph Lundgren, the guy in **Rocky IV**, and dance like Adam Ant," said **Valerie Huston**, junior.

"She would have blond hair, blue eyes, be 5'8", and she's also got to be dumb," said **Jim Cox**, junior.

"Brown hair, green eyes, 5'7", smart, athletic, and she has to have a good sense of humor," said **Tony Velovski**, junior.

"He's got to be at least six feet, have blue eyes, black hair, and built like Mike Saliwencyk," said **Angie Trkulja**, junior.

"He'd have to be tall like Chris Green and built like Rob Lowe," said **Kathi Wzolek**, junior.

"She would have to be blonde, blue eyes, a nice shape, easy to get along with and not too smart but not too dumb," said **Greg Thompson**, junior.

"Blonde hair, be 5'10", blue eyes, a nice body, long legs, have a good sense of humor and be intelligent," said **Joe Nash**, junior.

"He would be tall, brown hair, light brown eyes, and a nice smile," said **Jill Groff**, junior.

"She would be 5'5", 115 pounds, black hair, light brown eyes, nice shape and have a great personality and always cheerful," said **Orin Mayers**, junior.

"She would have a combination of looks and intelligence along with an outgoing, fun-loving personality," said **George Doherty**, junior.

"He would look like Gary," said **Sharon Daniel**, junior.

"Like John Stamos, black hair, hazel eyes and be about six feet tall," said **Jackie Prentoska**, junior.

"She would have to be fun-loving, 5'11", have blue eyes, not too smart but rich. She would also have to like my brothers Trans-Am that he lets me use," said **Joe Olivadoti**, junior.

"She'd be 4'9", 245 pounds, have black hair, big feet and a nice personality. A woman who can separate the men from the boys," said **Joe Majcher**, junior.

"Long blonde hair, blue eyes, a great personality and drive a red Lamborgini," said **Steve Nelson**, junior.

"Blonde hair, nice tan, blue eyes, very nice body, wealthy, have a good personality and always wanting to have fun," said **Dave Kray**, junior.

Zawada



Cheering on the football team, Gina Fisharty and Julie Joseforsky, juniors, show their "number 1" pride. The Junior Class won the football Homecoming spirit award.

What's the best thing about being a junior?

Juniors

"Knowing that next year we will be seniors," **Jeri Scrivnor**.

"Knowing we only have one year left of school and it will be our best year," **Cindy O'Neil**.

"There's only one more year after this one," **Tom Hirschak**.

"We're not the youngest ones in the school anymore," **Doug Brown**.

"Being one step below a

senior and one step above a sophomore," **Mike Mackey**.

"Only one more year left to worry about getting detention," **Theresa Rose**.

"One more year and we'll be free," **Diana Sheehy**.

"One more year to be with all my friends and plan for college," **Chris Roberts**.

"Beating the seniors in the Powder Puff game," **Reagan**

Plesha.

"Wishing I was a senior so I would be graduating," **Pamela Bernstein**.

"Moving back from Florida for my junior year," **Wendy Eaton**.

"Absolutely nothing!" **Joe Majcher**.

"You are not a little sophomore anymore," **Gary Kostelnik**.

"Thinking about being a big senior next year and realizing we have one more year until we're out of school," **Rich Day**.

"One more year and we're out of high school and off to college," **Chris Specker**.

"Being able to go to Prom," **Dawn Musgrove**.

"Not being a sophomore," **Kelly Burke**.

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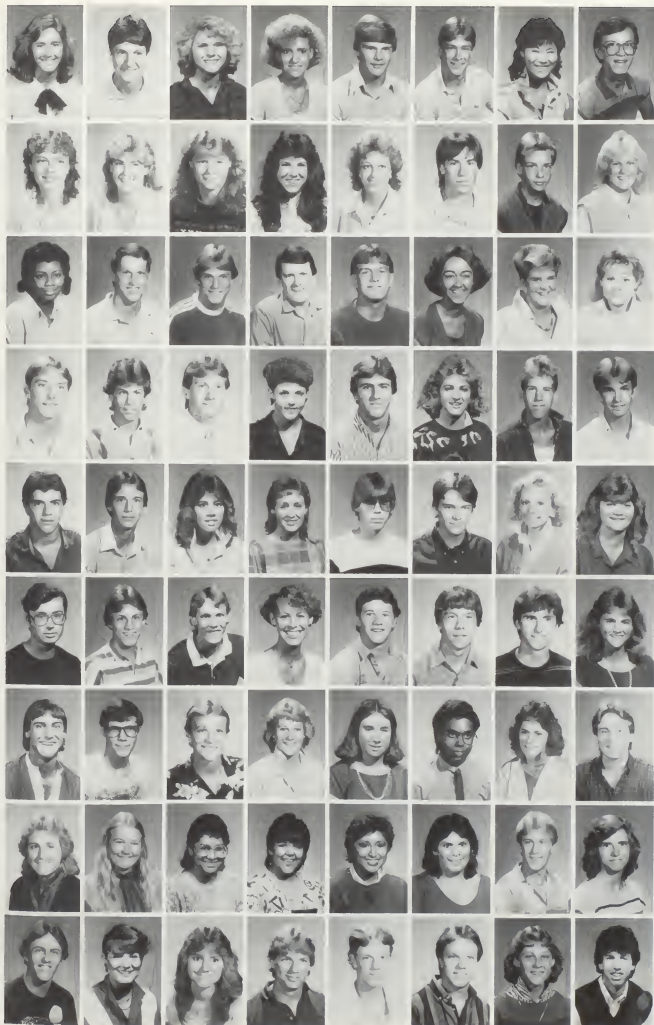
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Dana Eby

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Ronnie Emery
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David Fabian
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Kim Fentress
Jean Ferdull
Anura Fernando
Christine Figueroa
Tim Fish

Gina Flaharty
Kathleen Ford
Carmen Gallegos
Angela Garcia
Alma Garza
Michelle Garza
Michael Gavelek
Melissa Gearhart

David Gemeinhart
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Laura Gilbert
Matt Gillfillan
Phillip Gill
Fred Glatz
Linda Gogola
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Philip Hansbury
Steven Harms
Francine Harper
Deanne Harrigan



Tracy Hatala
Andrew Hebert
Richard Herning
Scott Henderson
Alice Herrera
Tom Heylin
Melissa Hicks
Jamie Hidalgo



Brenda Hippie
Tom Hirschak
Ron Horton
Kellie Howard
Nicole Hrabrich
Frank Hronopoulos
Kelly Huddleston
Sue Huddleston



Jeffrey Hudock
Tim Hudson
Cheri Huff
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Valerie Huston
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Gloria Leon
Tammy Lesko
Mike Lester
Tamara Levinson
Chris Locke
Greg Lohse

William Lorentz
Nancy Loscaro
Barbara Lozanovski
Debra Luytgaarden
Kathleen Lynch
Michael Mackey
David Maddack
Susan Maddack

Jayne Maginot
Joseph Majcher
Shannon Major
Macinda Malavolta
Mark Malenshek
Darrell Mallory
Michael Mallory
Donna Mamula

Jovo Manojlovic
Ann Marando
Paul Marcinek
Carol Marino
Jim Markos
Karoline Marosevich
Jackie Martinosi
Robert Massimino

What's the best time to celebrate?

Seniors

"June 7, 1987," **Kathy Kvachkoff**, junior

"When your parents leave for a week, and they give you the house," **Tom Hirschak**, junior.

"On the weekends," **Colleen McDermott**, junior.

"The first day the beach opens," **Steve Mundell**, junior.

"When I leave for Canada," **Vera Todorovich**, junior.

"After I finally pass an algebra test," **Gary Kostelnik**, junior.

"The beginning of summer vacation," **Michelle Matunas**, junior.

"Friday night when all of my tests are over, and I get to party," **Jamie Richards**, junior.

"When the 2:48 bell rings," **Cindy O'Neil**, junior.

"Leaving Merrillville for college," **Wendy Eaton**, junior.

"When I have achieved my highest goal," **Chris Carlson**, junior.

"After the Dairy Queen re-opens," **Jim Cunningham**, junior.

"Whenever possible," **Doug Brown**, junior.

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Michelle Matunas
Scott Mavronicles
Orin Mayers
Barbara Mazur
Ronald McBrayer
Kimberlee McCall
Roxanne McCann



Paula McCarty
Jeffrey McClellan
William McColium
Sandy McConnell
Scott McCowan
Mike McCoskey
Collen McDermott
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Patrick McLaughlin
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Ron Mikesell
Daryl Milbrant
Jerry Miller
Wendy Minninger
Diane Mishevski



Renee Mishler
David Moore
Jeffrey Morris
Tony Muffoletto
Steven Mundel
Mike Murray
Dawn Musgrove
Joe Nash



Lisa Navarro
Jason Neff
Steve Nelson
Wendy Nelson
Anette Neskoska
Jon Nicholls
Derrick Niloff
Paul Nims



Where would you work, if you could work anywhere?

Juniors

"At the beach as a life guard, because there are lots of girls there," **Scott Mavronicles**, junior.

"Life guard at the beach, so I could get a tan and meet guys," **Deane Harrigan**, junior.

"At the Backyard Health

Club, so I could meet new people," **Tamara Levinson**, junior.

"Disney World because I've always loved to go there," **Michelle Matunas**, junior.

"The Bat cave in London because its a cool place to work," **Martha Christos**, junior.

"The Video place so I can get my movies there," **Kellie Howard**, junior.

"McDonald's because my friends work there," **Pat McLaughlin**, junior.

"At Shilo Horse Stables because I love horses," **Jamie Hidalgo**, junior.

"At a Greek restaurant because I'm greek," **Nick Zairis**, junior.

"Merrillville Porsche-Audi dealer because I love Porsches," **Don Deel**, junior.

"Montgomery Wards so I can buy my clothes there," **Tom Hirschak**, junior.



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Daniel Nunez
Susan Ochoa
Tina O'Donley
Jason Ogio
Jennifer Ogio
Joel Ogio
Joseph Olivadoti



Brian Oliver
Cheryl Orosz
Eric Orregon
Michelle Owen
Michael Pakkanen
Christopher Paine
Dina Papafitis
Nick Papageorge



Joyce Papalazarou
Mercury Pappas
Jeff Parker
Laura Parkhurst
Carol Paroussis
Kristin Parsons
Joel Paska
Lori Pearson



Kevin Pederson
Minas Perdicologos
Nick Perdicologos
Juanita Perez
Kelly Peters
Casey Peterson
Jeffery Piaseczny
Dannny Pimentel



Susan Pittman
Regan Plesha
Shalimar Plomaris
Michael Plumb
Kathy Podgorski
David Poholaz
Robert Polak
Dawn Porter



John Porzuczek
John Poynter
Zaklina Prentoska
Riste Prentoski
Deborah Prokop
Steve Pushka
Nicholas Radivan
Tiana Raehl



Richard Rainey
Denise Ramirez
Becky Ramos
Michael Ramos
Barbara Rassbach
Mark Rader
Scott Rader
Tara Reilly



John Richards
Jared Riddle
Jeffrey Riese
Scot Rietman
Penny Riley
Alicia Rios
Felipe Rivera
Amy Roberts



Christine Roberts
Lori Rodgers
Samuel Rodriguez
Richard Rose
Theresa Rose
Dawn Rosenwinkel
Mike Rothecker
Mike Saliwonzky

Terry Salyer
Chris Samson
John Sandridge
William Satnan
Lynda Schmidt
Mike Schmidt
Janet Schoon
Lon Schreiber



Gerald Schultz
Craig Schultze
Rhonda Schuster
Keith Schwandt
Jimmy Scott
Jon Scott
Jeri Scrivnor
Rocky Sebastian



Karen Seberger
Daniel Sell
Ward Setmayer
Mike Sever
Becky Shaffer
James Sharp
Diana Sheehy
Sherri Sheptock



Jodie Sheridan
Jerry Sibincic
Anthony Simone
Peco Simonovski
Colleen Sinar
Kathleen Sinar
Kathy Slinker
Sandra Smith



Troy Smith
Christina Sobierajski
Suzie Sopovski
Timothy Sowles
Mark Spenger
Constantine Spiridis
Lee Spiroff
Michelle Sposato



Corey Springman
Billy Spurlock
Diana Stanton
Lisa Starko
Lisa Stedman
Laura Stefanelli
Melissa Stefanovich
Jelena Stefanovic



Kelly Stiener
Jill Stoner
Brian Storey
Maria Strogilos
Timothy Strycek
Stacy Stubblefield
Sherri Sullivan
John Sutkowski



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Sandi Tarchala
Ed Tarkany
Christina Taskoff
Matt Teilge
Craig Terry
Jennifer Terry
Melissa Tesanovich



Gregory Thompson
Matthew Thompson
Vera Todorovich
Daniel Tomich
Stephan Tomko
Kimberly Tonetski
Mike Topolski
Sonja Trajkovski



Angela Trkulja
Anna Marie Turpa
Sandra Urbanczyk
Jenny Utley
Joe Valenti
Evert VanderVliet
David Vavra
David Vasquez

Tony Velovski
Andree Vigna
Steven Villalre
Mark Vincent
Tammy Wachowski
Thomas Wainman
Amy Walters
Christopher Ward

William Warren
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Steve Wilk
Bill Wilkison
Chris Williams
Kimberly Williams

Gene Wilson
Matt Wirtz
David Witt
Terry Wood
Robert Woodburn
Lanette Wothke
Kathleen Wszolek
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Jodi Yagetski
Ken Yards
Beth Yelachich
David Yonker
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Julie Zardich
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Bill Zervos
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Ed Cope
Kristen Diedrichson
Alicia Hansel
Shannon Hawkins
Phillip Hull
Elzie Ison
Jim Jaeger
Karen Komechak
Annetonette Kovack
Dianna Miedl
Marco Ottomanelli
Shawn Smith
Lisa Storie

What's the worst thing you've ever done?

Seniors

"Speed coming home from Crown Point when I knew I was going to be late for my curfew. I was pulled over and got a ticket." **Stacy Stubblefield**, junior.

"Went skinny-dipping and got my clothes hid." **Laura Stefanelli**, junior.

"Snuck out in the middle of the night." **Alicia Rios**, junior.

"I went to the 'New Order' concert with only \$4, luckily there was nothing to buy." **Jackie Martinowski**, junior.

"Tried to lie my way out of an accident to my mom." **Debra Luytgaarden**, junior.

"When Kim, April and I were running from a cop all over town." **Cindy O'Neill**, junior.

"I was ditching school and got stopped by a cop for a speeding ticket." **Lori Wszolek**, junior.

"Last year I ditched first hour and went to Burger King. Mr. O'Shea was there." **Tammy Joyce**, junior.

What's up?

Just another excuse!

Many students came home from school to find themselves surrounded by books, but they ended up watching television or listening to the radio. For many MHS students this was a normal scene.

"I brought my books home every night, but they were never opened, said Scott Hardin, sophomore.

Dan Brankle, sophomore, agreed, "I tried to study, but ended up listening to the radio."

Even on tests nights some MHS students had trouble getting motivated.

One student stated, "On the nights before tests, I watched T.V. and talked on the phone."

Tracy Wikse, sophomore, added, "Sometimes I just couldn't study, so I slept instead."

But what about the homework

that had to be finished?

"I tried to get my homework done in school, so I had nothing to take home, said Todd Sawdowsky, sophomore.

Susan Galoozis, sophomore, added, "During tennis season, we have a lot of matches during the week. It is real hard, especially after a match, to come home and do my homework. A lot of times I just study for the tests I have the next day."

But some MHS students did not feel that homework was essential to their grades.

"I barely did homework at all, but I still got passing grades," admitted Roger Mathews, sophomore.

Excuses! Excuses! The reasons for not studying went on forever!

Chrissy Figueroa

"**Rambo**, because it had a lot of excitement," **Mike Depta**, sophomore.

"**Bad Boys** because I liked all of it, the blood and guts," **Bob Stewart**, sophomore.

"**That was Then, This is Now** because I thought it was a terrific movie," **Lori Brynn**, sophomore.

agers," **Roger Mathews**, sophomore.

"**Rocky IV** because of Sylvester Stallone and especially his great body," **Lori Yurko**, sophomore.

"**White Nights** because I love to watch Borishnikov dance," **Michelle Musser**, sophomore.

What is your favorite movie?

"**Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** because the movie gave everyone a chance to be in a world of fantasy, imagination, and you didn't gain any calories," **Tracy Wikse**, sophomore.

"**FX** because it showed how a person can use his imagination and skill to survive," **Ann Meslousis**, sophomore.

"**Vision Quest** because the wrestling and the portrayal of the wrestler was terrific," **Scott Reder**, sophomore.

"**Repo Man** because the movie sheds light on the true perils of life for young suburban teen-

"I ran for class officer just for the fun of it. I never expected to win. It was a nice surprise."

Todd Gill,
Sophomore

Sophomore Class Officers — Louie Lopes, treasurer, Heather Kirk, secretary, Joel Putz, vice president, Todd Gill, president.



'Oh, no!' now, what am I going to do?

After the big day was over, Lisa finally had her license. She thought of herself as being cool now. The first night her parents gave her the car, Lisa went to the GOYA.

Lisa took her keys out of the ignition and put them on the dashboard while she brushed her hair. Both Lisa and her friend locked their doors. "Oh no!" screamed Lisa, "now what are we going to do?"

Locking keys in the car was one of the most common accidents that happened to students at MHS.

Ann Mestousis, sophomore, stated, "I was so embarrassed; my friend and I locked the keys in

our cars two weekends in a row."

It was mostly caused by forgetfulness or preoccupation. Many students didn't even realize that they had locked their keys in the car until many hours later.

Michelle Dudak, sophomore said, "My mind was on my boyfriend and a big test I had the next day, when I locked my keys in the car."

Praying that their parents wouldn't be upset, most students called home and asked for an extra set of keys.

"When the time comes for locking myself out of the car, I'll just hold my breath and hope my parents understand," she added.

Darren Zon, sophomore said,

"I just called my girlfriend and told her to bring me my extra set of keys when I locked my keys in my car."

Some students did everything to keep from getting locked out of their cars. Some even attached a spare set of keys by a magnetic device on the outside of the car where they couldn't be seen, so they could easily get back into their cars, if they were locked out.

Bill Zaikos, sophomore, commented, "An extra set of keys always comes in handy."

The police were usually called in when people lock their keys in their cars. By using a "slim jim," they could get the door opened

within minutes.

Mestousis added, "I locked my keys in the car, I just found the nearest policeman and had him get my door unlocked."

Since there were many calls to the police department about keys locked in cars, according to the Merrillville Police Department, the police are deciding on whether or not to pass a new law requiring these victims to pay a fee to the police for their services.

Lori Tubbs, sophomore, said, "Forget the police, I'll just look for a good-looking guy and ask him to help me get in my car."

Karen Binns

Students deserve a break each day?

Lunch time was often filled with more than just eating. Students had many different views about the purpose of lunch period.

With only two lines, students waited in longer lines, which sometimes got frustrating.

"I hate when people cut in front of me. The line is long enough as it is," commented Bill Zaikos, sophomore.

Anxious students had to cut or go to the more expensive Ala Carte line to escape the wait.

They finally sat down with their friends and enjoyed a break away from the work and pressure, once they got their lunch.

"I just like to sit around and relax before the next class," added Ann Mestousis, sophomore.

Often, lunch was more active than relaxing. Students crammed for the test next hour or just got a head start on homework.

Besides eating, students found many creative ways to spend their time at lunch.

Brent Isenberg

Riding down Broadway is the sophomore powder puff team. The sophomores lost their first game to the victorious juniors.



What's the worst thing about being a sophomore?

Sophomores

"Getting used to huge crowds stampeding down the hall" **Shelly Carlson**, sophomore.

"Having to get used to generic water fountains," **Mitch Davidhizar**, sophomore.

"Not knowing anyone in your classes," **Kelly Geib**, sophomore.

"All of the good looking guys are taken by the time we get here," **Colleen Drake**, sophomore.

"Having people look down their noses at you because you're a sophomore," **Jennifer Purdie**, sophomore.

"When teachers have to give rules in class for sophomores, and then everyone older stares at you," **Tom Brooks**, sophomore.

"Leaving my younger friends at Harrison," **Kathryn Cantu**, sophomore.

"There is no worst thing," **Alison McCollum**, sophomore.

"Having to leave Harrison's

milkshakes," **Lori Tubbs**, sophomore.

"Not being able to boss seventh graders around anymore," **Dave Mallory**, sophomore.

"I'm not a senior," **Dawn Mallory**, sophomore.

"Not being a senior," **Susan Kucik**, sophomore.

"Or even a junior," **Amy Teel**, sophomore.

"Knowing that I've still got two years to go," **Krissy Konrady**, sophomore.

"Knowing that you have two more years ahead of you," **Andy Tants**, sophomore.

"Going from the oldest at the junior high to the youngest here," **Marc Mannino**, sophomore.

"Being the youngest class in the school," **Dawn Belinsky**, sophomore.

"Being the youngest," **Lisa Harding**, sophomore.

"Gym," **Jason Crownover**, sophomore.

Kevin Abernathy
Michelle Akers
Ben Albright
Joseph Anaya
Peter Anderson
Greg Arceo
Rosie Arena
Dawn Arly

Cathy Arneson
Tony Aznar
Darcie Baehler
Sam Baker
Kimberley Bakker
William Banham
Latonya Bankhead
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Radmila Baric
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Daniel Brankle
Glen Brant
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Mitch Davidhizar
Ruben Delvalle
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Mike Depta
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Michelle Dills
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John Dix
Jamie Dixon
Joe Dowler
Colleen Drake
Becky Drennan
Michelle Drinski

Michelle Dudak
Angelique Dunklin
Randy Dunn
Donald Eaves
Ronnie Eich
Judi Edgerton
Leslie Elch

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Larry Espravnik
Laura Espravnik
Bradley Evans
Rey Farias



Ricardo Farias
Terry Farmer
Ronald Fedor
Eric Feliciano
Richard Fiebelkorn
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Niki Fitusis
Shannon Flauding



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William Frantal
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Sharlene Freeman
Adam Fricke
Rhonda Fry
Gregory Fuller



Robert Gabric
Alex Gagianas
Christina Gagoff
Debbie Galka
Susan Galoozis
Michelle Gawrysiak
Missy Gayda
Cindi Geeze



Kelly Geib
Paul Gilbert
Dana Gilderleeve
Michael Gill
Todd Gill
Jennifer Gingerch
Donny Gilgic
Billy Gomez



Joe Gonzalez
Andy Govert
Diane Gray
Christopher Greene
Scott Griggs
Steven Gronok
Regina Gros
Tom Grynovich



Jerry Guardiola
Chris Gustafson
Shelly Guthrie
Scott Hall
Steve Haller
Scott Hamilton
Marcus Handley
Lisa Harding



Scott Hardin
Dawn Hebert
Eric Helm
Brad Henderson
Paul Hess
Kimbra Highsmith
Joseph Hirjak
John Hocza



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Brad Howell
Dave Hoyt
Paul Hudkins
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Diane Hudnall



John Hudock
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Katherine Kerulis
Heather Kirk
Tim Klein
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What would you do if the world ended tomorrow?

sophomores

"I would do everything I ever wanted to and fit a party into the time that was left," **Jenny Vereb**, sophomore.

"I would try to say good-bye to all of my friends and have a party," **Kim Bikoff**, sophomore.

"I would have a countdown with all my friends and Mike," **Kim Thurman**, sophomore.

"I would go up in a hot air balloon and shave my head until it was completely bald," **Matt Longfellow**, sopho-

more.

"I would study French," **Lara Buck**, sophomore.

"I would go over to Cara's house and tell her I love her," **Shawn Kerna**, sophomore.

"I would go on a big shopping spree and spend all of my money," **Linda Shesto**, sophomore.

"I would get together with Cathy Marks and crack up one last time," **Tami Peters**, sophomore.

"I would spend the rest of

my life on a cold, silent beach, in a huge warm sweater and write an autobiography to be left to the future," **Cathy Marks**, sophomore.

"I would go see Tracy one last time and then do some serious praying," **Greg Fuller**, sophomore.

"I would confess all of my sins to God and tell all of my family and friends good-bye and how much I love them," **Cathy Robinson**, sophomore.

"I would pray to God and say bye to all of my friends

and loved ones and then fly to Australia," **Dawn Arly**, sophomore.

"I would go to the movies one last time with my 'movie buddies,'" **Krissy Trakas**, sophomore.

"I would throw a party in Europe," **Nancy Nims**, sophomore.

"I would go to LaPorte and say good-bye to Laura," **Ben Albright**, sophomore.



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What's up?

"I'm an old musician, and old musicians never die, they just go from bar to bar (music bars that is)."

Jerauld Reinhart,
Auditorium Director

Testing the sound system in the auditorium, Jerauld Reinhart, Auditorium Director, speaks into the microphone.



Zawada

Students rate teachers with perfect '10'

Thirty minutes before first hour begins, the perfect teacher arrives at school with a smile on his face waiting for the day to begin.

He opens his classroom door, finishes last minute details and waits for some confused student to walk by his room looking for help.

"My vision of a perfect teacher would be willing to give up his free time to help me with any questions I might have," stated, Allen Bartley, senior.

During the first half of the day, the perfect teacher does his best to explain the material so students will understand it. He tries to liven up the boring classroom atmosphere by telling a few jokes

and talking about the students' activities outside of the classroom.

So students will have more study time, he finishes his lecture early.

Vikki D'Asto, sophomore, stated, "The perfect teacher would usually give the class study time, so they won't have as much work to do at home."

Yvonne Boone, senior, commented, "A quality found in the perfect teacher would be the fact that he could get his point across quickly and without too much confusion."

Lunchtime rolls around, and on his way down to the cafeteria, he greets several familiar faces, even though the students aren't

attentive in class.

"Informal communication is needed both in the classroom and out. A perfect teacher forgives and forgets even when you aren't the perfect student," stated, Monty Jorgensen, senior.

After finishing his nutritious salad with low-cal dressing, he returns to his room to prepare for the rest of his classes.

During the last half of the day, he still follows his lecture notes to a tee, even though his voice and patience is fading.

He also remembers to inform all of his students of the weekly class schedule.

At last, the 3 p.m. bell rings, but wait, who's this still in his classroom?

It's a student wanting to take a make-up test. Of course, the perfect teacher will stay after to give the test.

That's not all.

After a relaxing meal with his wife and two adorable children, he goes off into his immaculate den to grade the stack of daily papers.

Midnight edges near, but he doesn't rest until the last paper is recorded in the grade book.

"The perfect teacher should be prompt in returning assignments the next day because it is important for me to know and correct my mistakes before the test," added Jim Ison, sophomore.

Karen Dudak

Habits that annoy everyone

Everybody had at least one teacher who had a certain habit that drives students up the wall.

Whether it was a dumb joke, an annoying snicker or out of style clothes, it gets to a point where students just can't take it anymore!

A particular inherent habit of teachers was to wander aimlessly during tests.

"It's hard enough taking a test without feeling a teacher's heavy breathing down the back of your neck as he looms over your

shoulder," commented Sheri Fraley, senior.

The annoying habit of playing with coins or keys was a popular pastime of teachers. "That's about as annoying as it gets," said James Ison, sophomore.

Most students were annoyed by the little things their teachers did. From something as simple as the way they erased the blackboard to the way they wore their hair, these habits were enough to drive many students to the edge.

Challenging a teacher to an explanation posed another com-

mon problem.

Laura Parkhurst, junior, said, "Some teachers can just ramble on and on. At times, I just want to stand up and explain it myself."

Of course, there was always the teacher who could never seem to remember your name. For some reason, it was an older brother or sister's name that always stuck in his mind.

But, however annoying the habits were at the time, students will always remember their teachers by these annoying habits.

Carl Jimenez

Teachers lounge: mystery lives on

That secret room. The place where no students are allowed.

Only the privileged ones can enter without being questioned.

The mysterious teachers' lounge. What really goes on behind those closed doors?

Dan Kvachkoff, senior, said, "I think the men sit around and talk about sports, and the women talk about sales."

"I think it is one big party," added Laury Smith, senior, "They do things they don't want students to know about."

According to Lyle Stoelting, psychology teacher, what goes on in this meeting area is gossip.

Sure they talk about students, but even more important than the gossip about the students and school events is the information and news exchanged between each other."

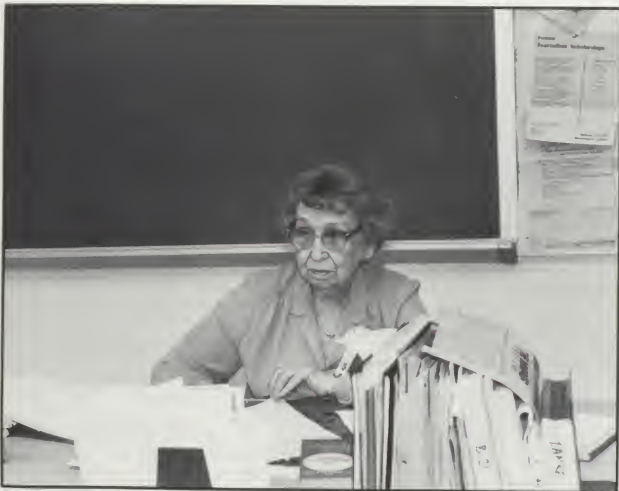
However, many teachers do not use the facility available to them.

"I don't go to the lounge because of all the smoke," stated Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher. "When I do go in there, it is usually to pick up my newspaper and to have my lunch."

Although no teacher admits if any strange things go on beyond those doors, the mystery of the teachers lounge lives on.

Kara East

Watching quietly over the class, Eddie Harder, Substitute teacher, waits for the hour to end. She is a favorite substitute of the student body.



Baranovska

What would you do, if you could do anything?

"I have often dreamed of sailing my boat around the world to many beautiful and exotic places," said **Chris Choncoff**, social studies teacher.

"I would become a high-class bum and travel extensively all over the world," said **Barb Koby**, English teacher.

"I would just live in Hawaii and

have fun in the sun," said **Dean Hess**, chemistry teacher.

"I wanted to be a professional ice skater, even if for only a day," said **Jacquelyn Demaree**, geometry teacher.

"I would like to have written romantic novels," said **Bruce Woods**, English teacher.

"I would like to go back to college and study law," said **Margaret Stallings**, home economics teacher.

"I would like to achieve great wealth, retire, and spend it," said **Jim East**, history teacher.

"I'd like to go on an endless vacation where my main problem would be helping my golf ball out

of water and sandtraps," said **Jerry Kasarda**, English teacher.

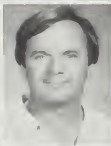
"I would very much like to be a charter boat captain and fish for the rest of my life," stated **Max Hutchison**, math teacher.

"I would like to go white water rafting every other day in Colorado," said **Frank O'Shea**, Dean of Students.

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STAFFS



Workers keep MHS running smoothly

Although we usually thought of school as being made up with classes, teachers and friends, there were also many other people that made the school function; the staff members.

Cafeteria workers, secretaries, teacher aides and janitors were some of the jobs of the MHS staff. All of these people had very important jobs in maintaining a smooth running school.

Teacher aides were in charge

of making copies of worksheets and tests for the teachers. Their job of making copies was endless, and they always supplied teachers with more than enough copies of tests.

Also many secretaries worked in the main office and guidance office. One secretary, Dorothy Hogan, retired from her position as a secretary in the guidance department. She was replaced by Nancy Miller, who came to

MHS from John Wood Elementary School.

Also, there was a new face in the attendance office, Vi Solich. Some of her duties consisted of issuing passes for students and taking phone calls from parents.

The janitors kept the building clean and safe for the students and did minor repair work. Terry Farmer, sophomore, stated, "I think the janitors do a great job considering the size of our

school."

Cafeteria workers had a huge job. They prepared meals and served students then proceeded to clean the cafeteria, kitchen, and dishes after the students were finished eating.

All of these people performed valuable services that insured the smooth function of MHS.

Linda Elsner



Cafeteria Workers — Front Row: Norma Mann, Rita Spontis, Ann Frank, Mary Cloyd, Mary Gony, Christine Cagley.
Middle Row: Alice Carrara, Maryann

Vernia, Joseph Estrada, Barbara McKay, Zula Starr, Joan Lorelli. Back Row: Karen Reider, Louise Hobbrell, Audrey Franz, Doris Rodgers, Karen Vlasco, Doris O'Hear.



Preparing To make a recipe, Martha Thomas is passing out the flour. Mrs. Thomas also worked in the Park Cafeteria.

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Secretaries — Back Row: Liz Frasca, Shirley Barclay, Mariene East. **Front Row:**

Vi Solch, Mariene Harmon, Nancy Miller, Barbara Richter.



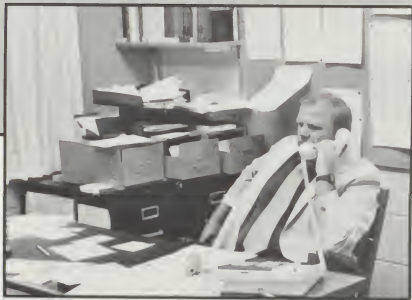
Aides — Back Row: Margaret Leposky, Mary Halkus, Eane Hydynger. **Front Row:**

Carol Teeter, Maureen Truman, Janet Penneck.

Keeping track of students' records, Mariene Harmon, secretary, checks over paper work in the main

office. Mrs. Harmon also works in the office during the summer.

ADMINISTRATION



New principal encourages 'team work'

Few would contradict the idea that the 1986 school year was a year of change at MHS. With the addition of Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz as our new principal, new ideas had a chance to flourish.

Many were unsure of what to expect from Dr. Rapacz.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, said, "I was looking for someone who could handle the responsibility of heading up such a large operation, someone who was willing to share authority."

Dr. Rapacz, however, proved

to be more than capable of handling his responsibilities. He developed a reputation of being fair and open minded in handling any disputes, conflicts or questions.

Frank O'Shea, dean of students, said, "Dr. Rapacz seems to have a genuine concern for the school, and everyone involved in it. Whether it's teachers, students or administrators, he always has time to listen to all sides of an issue."

However qualified a principal may be, the administration must

strive to work as one. Dr. Rapacz had a strong belief in the idea of working together as a team and made an effort to strengthen this idea. A major new policy has been weekly administration meetings.

According to Dr. Rapacz, "These meetings have allowed us to stay on top of things concerning all aspects of the school."

Mr. O'Shea concluded, "Whether it's a new teacher, a new student, or a new administrator, the first year is always the

toughest. It took some time, but I feel Dr. Rapacz has adjusted well."

Carl Jimenez

Discussing school policy, Frank O'Shea, dean of students, talks with a parent. This was Mr. O'Shea's second year.

Presenting Kris Zimnawoda, Student Council President, a new Indiana state flag is Senator John Bushemi. Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, was present at many school activities and ceremonies.





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Robert Schreiber, superintendent, Dr. William Felmy, assistant superintendent,

Speaking to the student body, Tom Herbert, assistant principal, served as master of ceremonies for the convocation recognizing the 1986

gymnastics team. Mr. Herbert was very involved in many of the extra-curricular activities.



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"With all the restaurants in Merrillville, it's easy to find the exact type of food you want," commented Mary Naumoski, senior.

Still had a full wallet?

The next stop then, was probably one of the malls. Whether you chose Southlake, Century Consumer or one of the strip malls off Broadway, the choices were endless. (Even with the budget of a lowly high school student.)

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Now that the town was expanding, what was what?

While examining a new Schwinn at Southlake Schwinn, Dave Dzielicki and Mark Lucas, seniors, discuss the wide range of bikes available. Southlake Schwinn carried equipment for all types of biking from recreational to racing.

As a true supporter of MHS, the Athlete's Foot, advertises in the **Merrillvue** annually. The Athlete's Foot was a popular and convenient place for MHS students to buy their sports equipment because of its location.





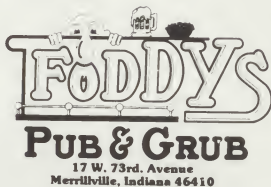
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Showing a winning smile, Jeanine Kiarzkowski, senior pictured in center, receives a second place medal. Jeanine has been a gymnast for 11 years. She was also part of MHS's State Championship Gymnastic team.

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OUT OF THE POCKET



SWATCH craze attacks MHS

Green, yellow, blue, red and white sounds like a rainbow, but it is not.

They were the new items on the market, and they sold like hotcakes.

They are SWATCHES, and they came in a large variety of colors and styles.

There were other products to show one was a SWATCH owner. Shirts, SWATCH guards, handbags, sunglasses and umbrellas were some of these products.

SWATCHES cost about \$30 and were purchased in many stores, such as Ayers or Carsons.

Most MHS students really liked SWATCHES. They were seen all over MHS.

"I like SWATCHES. They come in so many different colors, but they're only a fad. People will start to get tired of the product or they

will find something else that catches their eye," commented, Gloria Leon, junior.

"I like the way they smell, and the different colors they come in. They are really cute," added Wendy Nelson, junior.

Barb Mazur, junior, said, "I think they are different, but they're just a fad."

"They have style and they're different. It's a product that catches peoples' attention," commented Jerry Starcevic, sophomore.

MHS students did find an interest in purchasing the watch and will continue to do so until the fad fades out.

Kathleen Jennings

Showing off the newest craze in SWATCH mania, Marianne Galanis, social studies teacher explains the lighter side of politics. Miss Galanis has been a teacher at MHS for 18 years.



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O UT OF THE POCKET



Spending \$ on name brands

Walking down the halls many students were seen wearing Forenza labels. Forenza products were one of the upcoming styles of the year.

"I chose to wear Forenza shaker sweaters because they are a popular item," said, Laury Smith, senior.

Although Forenza was popular, it was not the only name brand item students wear.

"I like to wear Forenza, but also I like clothes by Liz Clairborne," stated, Dawn Musgrove, junior.

Tommy Heylin, junior, added, "I like to wear Guess products. They are very stylish and 'style' is my middle name!"

Many people, especially parents could not understand why students spent so much money on brand names when they can get almost the same item for less.

Rich Lesniak, senior, commented, "You do pay more money just for the name, but I think the way they, (the known manufacturers), use the colors in their shirts are more appealing."

"I make sacrifices to buy my name brand clothes like Forenza, but it's worth it," added Sheri Sullivan, junior.

Not all MHS students feel they have to wear brand name clothes.

Brad Curcio, senior, concluded, "I just wear whatever my mom brings me home!"

Chrissy Figueroa

Today there are many clothing styles such as Coca-Cola and Forenza. Front row: Jennifer Terry, sophomore, Marie Anaya, junior. Back row: Christine Majcher, sophomore, Karen Binns, Sue Hofferber, seniors, Ann Marie Turpa, Becky Ramos, juniors, are discussing the latest trends.

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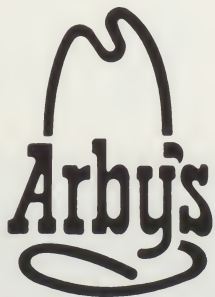
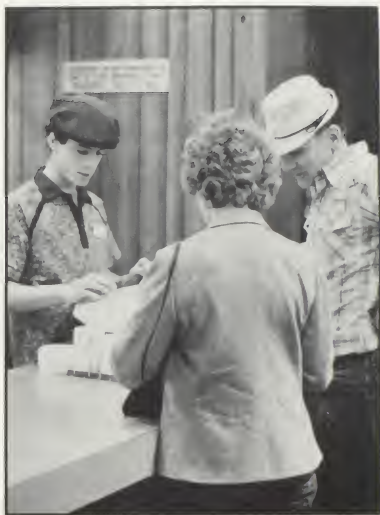
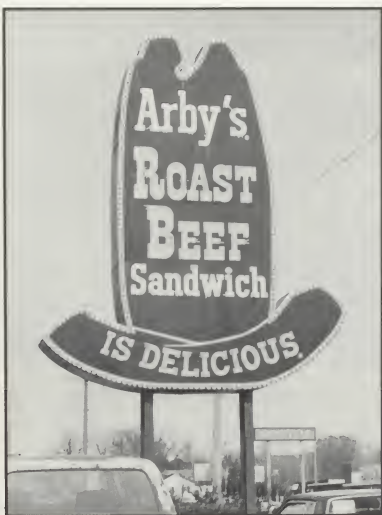
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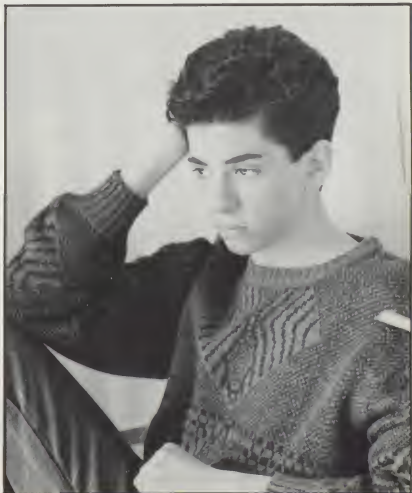
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"McDonald's is my favorite fast food restaurant, because of the selection of foods to choose from," said Maria Christos, senior.

Mike Gonzalez, sophomore, added, "I like McDonalds, because the food is good and the price is right."

Other fast food restaurants in Merrillville were equally liked.

Bob Jen, senior, said, "I think that Burger King is the best fast food restaurant, because the burgers are flame broiled and not greasy like other fast food restau-

rants in Merrillville."

Another Burger King fan, Sue Bounnahraraj, sophomore, stated, "Burger King is my favorite, because of their great new breakfast crossiant."

Brad Henderson, sophomore, commented, "Wendy's is my favorite, because they have chili and baked potatoes in addition to hamburgers."

"Hardees is my favorite fast food restaurant, because of their roast beef sandwiches," said Liz Long, sophomore.

Pete Anderson, sophomore, concluded, "All of the fast food restaurants in Merrillville are popular, but a few seem to dominate.

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Sinking her teeth into a sub from Lincoln's Carryout, Cindy Feterick, senior, enjoys a lunch on the run.

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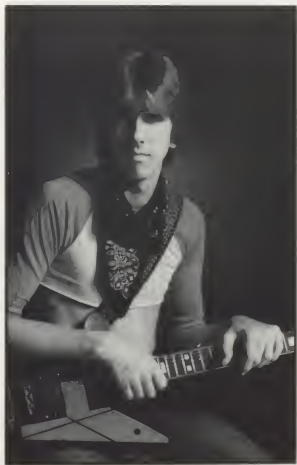
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Hair styles: it's your choice!

"I want it short on the top, layered on the sides, and a blunt cut on the bottom."

For many MHS students picking the "right" hair style is a very hard task.

The students' opinions range from ultra-conservative to radical.

Jackie Martinowski, junior, commented on the perfect hair style, "Shaved on the bottom and long bleached strands on the top is the best style. I like this style because it is just like the lead singer of Depeche Mode."

Ruby Spradley, sophomore, replied, "Punk cuts are the style for me because they are in style right now."

Other students have a different idea in mind when getting their

hair cut.

Samantha Dalkilic, senior, stated, "A hair style than can be ready in five minutes is the perfect style for me."

Yet, conservative styles are still well liked by some.

Janet Clarke, senior, stated, "I think that a bob is the best looking and easiest hair style to take care of."

To conclude, Demi Dubowski, senior, stated, "Choosing the best hair style is very hard because a hair style says so much for a persons personality."

Andrew Constantinides

Questioning the thought of a new hair style is Chuck Tipton, senior. This is one of the several punk hair styles seen throughout MHS.

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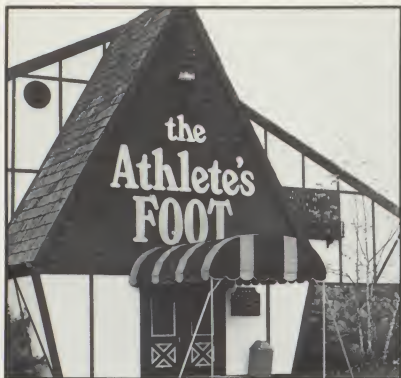
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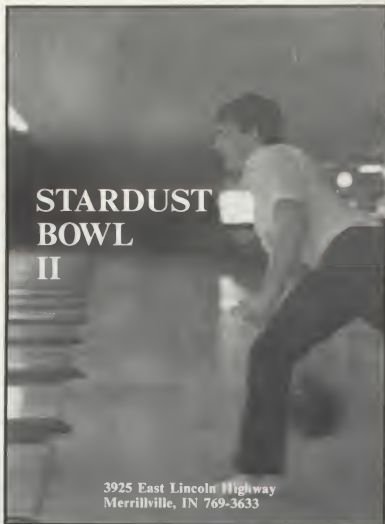
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When looking for a Prom dress, some of the best places to go were bridal shops, such as Stefan's, the Merrillville Bridal Shop and Bridals by Artemis.

These places offered wide varieties in style and color. They also made any alterations that were needed.

Another popular place to go was the Southlake Mall. Many of their stores, On Stage, Brooks, J.C. Penneys, Merry Go Round, Up n Downs, Carsons, Susie's Casuals, sold dresses. Prices ranged from \$90 to \$200 or even

more depending on how extravagant a person wanted to get.

Dresses came in an assortment of styles and colors. Pastel dresses that were very full were the most common. Although, there were a lot of red dresses seen, too.

On the other hand, many girls wanted their mothers, grandmothers or other professionals to make a dress for them.

Dresses didn't take long to make and they ended up costing less than store bought dresses.

After all the hours of searching, almost everyone found just the right dress. Having just the right formal let everyone enjoy the memorable night.

Karen Binns

Trying to find the perfect Prom dress, Jill Lamfalusi, junior, makes a careful decision. The MHS Prom was May 17 at the Serbian Hall.



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According to **Essence** magazine, around 14.5 million are women, and nearly 10 million men prefer to hide behind the contact lenses.

About 4 million people wear soft contact lenses. Two out of three contact lens wearers preferred the soft lenses over the hard lenses.

One disadvantage to soft lenses is they tear easily and become worn out by handling.

Mary Lee Kincaid, senior, said, "There's not a hassle to clean them when they fog up or when you're out in the rain."

Dr. Thomas Richardson, M.D., said, "Many people prefer or cannot wear contact lenses on special occasions if they work in

an environment with dust and dirt."

Extended wear contact lenses are designed for people who have cataracts. Although, other people choose to wear them for looks and convenience.

Recently, two new contact lenses have become available. These are the tinted soft contact lenses and the gas permeable hard lenses. The tinted soft contact lenses come in blue, turquoise, green and yellow. The gas permeable lenses help stabilize the vision and may even improve it.

Dr. Richardson said, "There are very few people needing vision correction who cannot use some type of contact lenses today."

Bryan McKay

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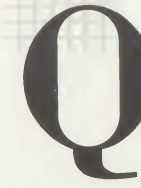
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So this is the end of the book ... Take the time to really look through it. We hope you like it, thanks for buying the 1986 Merrillvue, and we hope you had a great year.

Colophon

The 1986 Merrillvue had a press run of 1000 copies. The books were printed by Jostens in Clarksville, Tennessee.

The yearbooks consist of 224 pages with 16 pages in full color. The oversized letters throughout the books are Giant Roman #76. The headline styles are Times Roman #45 and #46 in 24, 30 and 36 point. The body copy is in 10 pt. Helvetica justified, and the captions are in 8 pt. Helvetica. The bold word in the captions are in 14 pt. Helvetica #46.

The theme copy for the book is in 14 pt. Times Roman. The opening section features spot color of 100% Cyan, and Red consisting of 100% magenta and 60% yellow. The graphs and horizontal lines in sections throughout the book are 30% gray of 10% grid lines. Screens of 30% gray were used throughout the book.

All the photos are outlined with a 2 pt. tool line (buted). The question mark in the folios throughout the book are 10% gray in 30 pt. #45.

The cover design was created by a Jostens artist and lamination process was used on the cover. The background color of the Litho cover is Black 395, with accents of Magenta 800 and Cyan 100.

The endsheets are in Snow White 395. The front endsheets were designed by the staff and consist of Black 395 and Cyan 700 ink.

The theme "What's What?" was chosen by the Merrillvue staff, which runs on a budget of \$22,000.



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F INAL DAYS

Somewhere between the end of April and the beginning of June, we realized that after nine months of anticipation, the end was finally here.

But with the underclassmen scheduling for next year's classes and the seniors making plans for after graduation, we all realized that the end of the year wasn't necessarily the end of it all.

The juniors and sophomores would go on to be seniors and juniors, and the seniors would go on to colleges, tech schools, the military and new jobs.

"One of the things that I'm looking forward to most about going to Purdue next year is the amount of freedom that I'm going to have. It's going to be a lot different than high school," said Bob Nicksic, senior.

Whatever had happened over the year, we all knew that we weren't the same 1,504 that had started the year here at MHS. We had met the challenges that had been placed before us. Our gymnastics team, after a year of diligent training, won the state title.

"We ended last year's season with the goal of being the state champs in 1986. The entire team worked hard all season and our determination paid off, explained Jennifer Ogegio, junior.

For some, the year turned out to be a lot different than they expected.

"I thought that my last year at MHS would drag by, but it went by really fast. It was really strange being a senior because I remember how I looked up to the seniors when I was a sophomore," commented Eileen Dawson, senior.

But of course, some things stayed the same. Lessons were learned, friendships were deepened and memories were stored away.

Searching for other students in the nearly deserted hallway, an injured Melissa Tesonovich, junior, puts her books away before softball practice. Melissa, who broke her arm while trying out, made the team despite her injury and went on to play a part in the team's winning season.

Presenting the Girls Gymnastics State Trophy to Student Council President Kris Zimnawoda, Karen Dudak, Frankie Kowal, Lisa Funder, and Jeanine Kierzkowski, seniors, address the students and faculty at the Honor Assembly held in honor of the champion gymnastics. Despite the pleas of the student body, school was not dismissed for a day to honor the first state champs from MHS in ten years.



What's what?

Pensively awaiting her track event,
Cara Carrabine, sophomore, uses
some time by herself to ponder
herself up. Many students found out
that success comes only from
dedication and hard work.



photo/Merrillville Herald

There was no denying that each of us left MHS in June with a few new ideas, a few problems behind us and still, a few more questions to be solved.

It seemed as though the entire year had been full of decisions and questions.

We all turned out none for the worse though. Our choices led to stronger friendships, higher goals and most of all, a sense of accomplishment.

But wait — we realized that this was in no way the end. Sophomores and juniors asked “what’s in store for us next year?” and “will we be able to handle the important decisions that will have to be made?” Seniors wondered “what’s out there for us?”, “can we make it on our own?” and “are we really ready for all of this?”

And the list goes on and on . . .





